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FOREWORD

Like many research projects, this undertaking began quite modestly. I do not know what ignited my interest initially, but it happened approximately 16 years ago while I was still in college. My early genealogical efforts were sporadic and probably more closely resembled those of a hobby than those of a serious academic study. The nature of the hobby changed, however, as my investigative talents grew and my knowledge of the family expanded. The writing of this book was simply the final phase, the capstone of this long, at times, tedious research effort.

The first detailed information on the family came to me by way of my paternal grandmother. In a 1967 interview, lasting slightly less than two hours, my grandmother listed and described six generations of the Hosmer family. I must admit, I was surprised at her abilities of recall. For a woman of 80 years [1967], she had a remarkable memory. When I asked her how she came about this considerable body of information, she replied that she had asked her own grandmother these same questions some 65 years earlier. Apparently, interest in the family's historical and ancestral background was not confined to members of my own generation.

Armed with the data my grandmother provided, I wrote to a number of relatives. These family members, in turn, sent me material and suggested others (both in and out of the family) who might be able to aid me in my quest. In a sense, it was like a snowball tumbling down a mountain -- growing in both size and speed. As fruitful as these gifts of information were, it became apparent that more data was required. As a result, I turned to the nation's telephone directories. I sent out scores of inquiries to people bearing the Hosmer surname. The response rate was surprising and gratifying. Thus, the process began anew, but now at an accelerated pace. At times, the flood of information came in faster than I could "process" it. Fortunately, these periods of accelerated activity were infrequent and were evened out by several "dry spells" of reduced correspondence.

As important as family sources were to this study, they represented only

a small portion of the total. The bulk of the material came from archives, libraries, and genealogical societies. During the course of 16 years of research, literally thousands of photocopies were made. Printed genealogies and society journals provided most of the material, but other sources were also utilized. Documents were extremely important, as were local histories. The *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* was, perhaps, the single most useful research tool. Since 1847, the New England Historical and Genealogical Society has published its monthly journal. A composite of church records, family genealogies, town histories, biographies, and official records, this remarkable journal has meticulously traced the region's ancestral roots. The contributions of local and county historians, state and local libraries, as well as, governmental agencies (at all levels) must not be minimized. While the majority of this material came to me from correspondence and inter-library loan, I also visited scores of libraries and archives personally. My trips to the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City were particularly useful. Known widely as the world's largest depository of family material, this monumental institution is, unquestionably, the genealogist's ultimate archive and library. Housed within its walls are the world's collective ancestry. Records from all periods, and in all languages, can be found here. Words are inadequate to fully convey the scope and enormity of the Mormon collection. As the reader can see from this brief survey, a variety of sources were consulted and used in this study.

One of my objectives in compiling this book was to impart to the reader a flavor and, hopefully, an appreciation for the various periods discussed. To that end, I have included in this study as many letters and documents as possible. Not only do these written legacies of the past tell us first-hand of the events of the day, but they also reveal something about the customs, laws, and mores of those bygone years. The elegance and precision of writing tells us much about the formality of education and the value the educated class placed on logic and the rule of law. The development of the language is also illustrated in these documents. From the stiff and somewhat cumbersome style of the early 17th century to the flowing expressive proses of the middle 18th century, we see a growth and flowering of the English language in the New World. The reader will also note that the frequency of unusual spellings decreases as time progresses. This shows quite clearly that the spread of education brought about a certain uniformity in the written language. Beyond all this, of course, is the sheer joy of reading words that

were put to paper over 200 years ago. As we read these documents, we realize that the writers of these papers were people much like ourselves, with the same hopes, fears, and concerns for the future. Somehow all this brings history alive and puts us in touch with the events that have shaped our heritage.

The study of history and, more specifically, the study of genealogy requires a frame of reference, a grid, if you will, of time and space. Documents, newspapers, and other written records supply dates. To put these benchmarks of history in their proper perspective, we also need location, and for this, we must rely on maps. To assist the reader in this regard, I have prepared a number of maps and have arranged them, more or less, chronologically. It is hoped that with them the reader can more easily follow the events described.

The bulk of this work is devoted to genealogical listings of the Hosmer family. This study traces the Hosmer family from its English roots to its settlement in the New World. It follows the family from 1550 to approximately 1775, a span of roughly 200 years [generations "B" to "f"]. Systematically arranged, each listing provides as much information as is known [see, "Guide to Genealogical Listings"]. The reader will also note that families which "merge" into the Hosmer line are traced in some detail. These "related" families are discussed in a separate section that contains surname studies, family charts, and maps. Some of these families are quite old. One family's lineage, for example, goes back to the early 13th century!

This genealogical study stands out from most, I believe, in that it is completely documented. It allows the reader to check the sources himself and to evaluate the credibility of the various authorities cited. Where conflicting information exists, the facts are duly noted. The bibliography, towards the end of the book, brings together in a convenient fashion, all the sources cited in this work. This section should be of particular value to those who wish to pursue their genealogical inclinations.

It has been said that a book without an index is akin to a lock without a key. Lacking one, the other is useless. These sagacious words of the past have special meaning when it comes to genealogy -- a field of study which

involves thousands of names. The index in this book has been geared to the special requirements of genealogical research. All blood descendants are distinguished by the symbol "†", followed by their appropriate generation designation. Similarly, their spouses are listed with the symbol "★". In this way, Hosmer family members (with or without the surname) can be recognized instantly from those not tied by the links of blood or marriage.

Because genealogy is more than simply a compilation of names and dates, I have tried to make this study something more than a running pedigree. It is rather, a mosaic of sources, a blend of biographies, personal papers, documents, photographs, maps, newspaper accounts, and, of course, genealogical listings. Amplified and supplemented by thousands of footnotes, the reader will, it is hoped, acquire an appreciation not only for the individuals studied but also for the times in which they lived. The goal has been to present a balanced view of our "heritage". If I have succeeded in this task then all that went into this project will have been worthwhile!

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Over the years, I have come to appreciate the efficiency and courtesy of these public and private institutions. It is not unusual for them to provide more relevant information than requested. If they are unable to supply the required data, they often will forward your request to another agency or will suggest alternative sources. From my own experience, it is apparent that "public service" is more than a slogan -- it is a commitment. The following institutions and individuals deserve special recognition for their assistance in this study:

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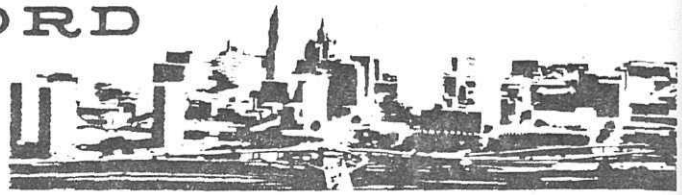
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GENEALOGY: ITS MEANING AND VALUE

The sum total of man's existence has traditionally been divided into two broad categories, historic and prehistoric. The division between the two came about as a result of man's greatest invention -- the written word. For approximately 5,000 years, man has recorded his successes and failures with unending regularity. Before that remarkable event, however, man's ability to transfer information was limited, in large measure, to the skill and strength of his voice and to the absorption and recall of his mind.

Man has always wondered about his origins. The invention of writing neither increased nor decreased this innate need to know, but it provided the vehicle to facilitate the acquisition of that knowledge. The question, of course, has not as yet been answered to the satisfaction of all. Theological and scientific viewpoints abound, but the monumental question still remains: How did we come to be? From written records, we can trace our intellectual growth, but our point of origin is still clouded in the mists of time. Are we the creation of an omnipotent and all knowing God or are we the end product of eons of evolution and development? Each of us must make that determination for himself. Before sinking further into the realm of cosmology, it might be wise to return to the basic topic of history, of which we have some knowledge.

History is a fascinating subject. It explores man's early past, it examines the leaders who have shaped his destiny, and it even hints at the direction of his future. Yet, for many, history is just so many names, dates, and places -- something to be remembered, later to be forgotten. Genealogy is history too, but with a more personal point of reference. It examines who our ancestors were and what their impact on history was. Suddenly, those names and dates, buried in history books, take on new significance when they mingle with those of our ancestors. It brings history alive. Genealogy is more than that, however, for it links our past with our future. It can indicate hidden strengths and aptitudes within us, and it can forewarn us of future illness. Our heritage,

"our inheritance", if you will, influences us all.

The listing of one's ancestors is seen by many as a silly preoccupation, a frivolous waste of both time and energy. To those who hold this view, I must add my own resounding Amen! A mere listing of names on a genealogical chart is as useful as a telephone directory without numbers. Both accomplish nothing. For a genealogical study to have any meaning at all, it should, in addition to charts, include origins, biographical information, historical references, and medical histories (causes of death, longevity records, etc.). In doing so, genealogical research is transformed from a pedantic study of forgotten names and dates into something which is relevant, something which has a direct bearing on an individual's life today.

Just as a person inherits physical traits -- height, eye color, physique -- a person also inherits certain unseen characteristics -- intelligence, interests, manners, temperament, and other less defined attributes. If one doubts the existence of these hidden directors or influencers of our fate, one merely has to look to the Adams family of Braintree, Massachusetts. In ten generations, this remarkable family has produced two presidents, one Revolutionary hero, one historian, one diplomat, and several other distinguished individuals. The Adams family is not an isolated case. Families, whose members share the same interests and aptitudes, abound in history. The Kennedys (politics), the Rockefellers (business-finance), the Warrens (medicine), the Rothschilds (finance), the Strausses (music), the Roosevelts (politics), and the Bachs (music), are but a few examples. Coincidence? I think not. Environment played a part, naturally, but there was something else -- intangible but none the less there. We are, of course, the final arbiters of our own fate, but who knows to what extent we are influenced by "our inheritance"?

Medical science has long appreciated the efficacy of taking medical histories. We all know of families that seem to be plagued by one particular affliction. We are all familiar with the fact that some families simply seem to live longer than others. All this, to a large degree, is due to heredity. Genealogy does not try to explain this phenomenon, it merely reports the evidence and attempts to place it in some sort of logical order.

There is an old saying that goes: "Forewarned is forearmed; to be prepared

is half the victory". If you know, for example, that heart disease runs in your family, you can take appropriate measures to alter your own life style. By doing so, you may prevent or, at least, postpone the onset of the disease. Fewer pounds, less fats in the diet, increased exercise, reduced tension and more frequent medical examinations might counter, to some extent, the hereditary predisposition for heart disease. By working with your doctor, a sensible plan can be established. Simple things that you can do yourself might make all the difference. If your family has a history of hypertension and stroke, your might want to reduce or eliminate table salt. You might also want to learn how to take your own blood pressure. If cancer is the family curse, it might be prudent to stay away from unnecessary chemicals and other synthetic substances. Fewer processed foods, more fiber, and more fresh fruits and vegetables could make the difference. Your doctor, of course, is the first person you should consult. He knows you. Armed with your family medical history, he can make suggestions that can truly be "life saving".

No genealogical study can ever be totally "complete". A five generation survey, for example, will yield the names of relatives that number well into the four figure range. Beyond this point, the figures rapidly assume astronomical proportions. Selectivity, therefore, is essential. If balance and care are employed in this selective process (the selection of families to be charted, the selection of individuals to be reviewed in biographical notes, and the selection of material to be statistically analyzed), the genealogist will have accomplished a great deal. The purpose of all this is relevancy. Unraveling the mysteries of the past for the benefit of present and future generations is one of the primary goals of the genealogist.

THE "HOSMER" SURNAME

- Origin -

The exact origin of this name is lost in history. It is, however, an extremely old name. There seems to be two schools of thought regarding the name's first appearance on the Continent. According to one source, the name originated in Northern Germany around the year 547 A. D. in the political division, the Duchy of Sleswick. This land was the home of the Angles. In 547 A. D., the Anglian chieftain Ida led his countrymen in an invasion of England. These fierce Teutonic warriors crossed the North Sea in forty small vessels and landed in a region between the Tweed and the Frith of Forth (the east coast of Northern England and Southern Scotland).[1] Accompanying Ida, on this historic enterprise, were his twelve sons. One of these sons was named Osmer.[2] It is interesting to note that Ida, later appointed king by his fellow chieftains, claimed an ancestral link to the legendary Anglo-Saxton chieftain, Woden [fl. 3rd century A. D.].[3] A second source advanced the theory that the name originated in Bavaria. According to this authority, the name appeared in Bavaria as, Usmer.[4] It is said that those who bore the patronym were members of a now extinct branch of Bavarian nobility. Before the name died out in Bavaria, some individuals of the Usmer clan emigrated to England. In England, the Bavarian family name, Usmer, evolved into the English surname, Hosmer. The exact date of this emigration or the place where the Usmers eventually settled is not known. Even the identities of those who were involved in this momentous move are shrouded in the mists of time. Bavarian records give some credence to this theory. In 1430, Emperor Sigismund granted Frederick Usmer an armorial letters patent. Emperor Frederick III granted a similar armorial document to Stephen and Barbara Usmer on July 5, 1469. Stephen and Barbara Usmer were brother and sister, and they resided in the Bavarian city of Nuremburg.[5] The question, of course, which begs an answer, is which of these two theories accurately trace the surname's descent. It is difficult to say and, perhaps, we shall never know for certain. What is remarkable, however, is that both theories point to a Germanic origin. It is possible that both theories are correct and

that they point to a dual penetration of the name into England -- a penetration separated in both time and location.[6] The first recorded appearance in England (as a personal name) came in the middle of the sixth century in the Kingdom of Bernicia (N. E. England - S. E. Scotland).[7] Although it probably never enjoyed wide popularity, it was well established by the time of William the Conqueror.[8]

- Movement -

From the rolling hills of Bernicia, the name moved slowly but steadily southward. During the Middle Ages, the name saw use in Leicestershire (in central England) as well as Devonshire and Sussex (southern England).[9] From Sussex, the name entered Kent.[10] It appeared in America in 1632 with the arrival of Thomas Hosmer in Massachusetts.[11] From there, the name was carried into Connecticut and eventually into New York.[12] James Hosmer's descendants kept the name alive in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. By the 19th century, the name had spread beyond the confines of New England.[13]

- Historical Occurrences -

Name	Family Relationship, Occupation, or Other Designation	Date	Place
Osmer	Son of Anglian Chieftain, Ida	547 A. D.	Duchy of Sleswick (N. Germany)
Osmer	Son of King Ida	547 A. D.	Area between the Tweed River and the Firth of Forth (N. E. England)[14]
Osmær	Son of King Ida	c. 550 A. D.	Kingdom of Bernicia (Northumberland)[15]
Osmær	Page	c. 975 A. D.	Cambridgeshire[16]

Name	Family Relationship, Occupation, or Other Designation	Date	Place
Osmær Osmærus	Resembled King Eadmund Ironside	killed 1016 A. D.	Sceorstan[17]
Osmær	Moneyer	Reign: Æthelred II (979–1016)	–
Osmær	Minister	1042, 1044	Exeter
Osmær	Witness	1046	Dorsetshire[18]
Osmer	Tenant in Chief	Reign: Edward the Confessor (1042 – 1066)	Dorsetshire[19]
Osmær	Moneyer	Reign: William I [the Conqueror[(1066 – 1087)[20]	–
Osmar	–	1066	Leicestershire
Osmer	–	1066	Devonshire[21]
William Osmere	–	1230	Devonshire[22]
Henry Osmer	Land Owner	1280	Tregewe, [Cornwall][23]
Osmer ater Dune	–	1296	Sussex[24]
Frederick Usmer	Granted Armorial Letters Patent	1430	Bavaria (S. E. Germany)
Stephen Usmer } Barbara Usmer }	Granted Armorial Letters Patent	5 July 1469	Nuremberg, Bavaria[25]
Chaneys Usmer	–	1589[26]	–
James Hosmer	Father of Stephen Hosmer	born: c. 1550	Ticehurst, Sussex

Name	Family Relationship, Occupation, or Other Designation	Date	Place
Stephen Hosmer	Son of James Hosmer	bapt.: 1570 married: 1601	Hawkhurst, Kent
Anne Hismere	-	married: 1605	Hawkhurst, Kent[27]
Thomas Hosmer	Son of Stephen Hosmer	born: Dec. 1603[28]	Hawkhurst, Kent[29]
Thomas Hosmer	Son of Stephen Hosmer	Arrived in America: 1632	Massachusetts[30]

- Meaning & Derivation -

1. Ōsmær = "god fame" - Old English[31]
2. Osmaer = "divine and famous" - Old English[32]
3. Hosmer = "(pagan) 'god famer'" - Old English[33]
4. Hosmer = "Descendant of Osmer" (Os [a god], fame - English[34]

- Spelling Variations -

Osmar[35]
Osmær[36]
Osmear
Osmer[37]
Osmere[38]
Osmiar[39]
Osmire[40]
Osmor
Osmore
Ossmore[41]
Hismer
Hismere
Horsmer
Hosmer
Hosmere
Hosmor
Hosmore[42]
Hossmer[43]
Usmer[44]

- Pronunciation -

Oz´ - mĕr [45]

Ozmore [Oz - mor] [46]

Hoz´ - mĕr [47]

- Evolution -

The ancient English personal name, Osmær, differed from its modern surname equivalent, Hosmer, in two major respects. First, it began with the letter "O" and, second, it contained the Old English character, " æ ".[48] Sometime during its evolution, the character, " æ ", was dropped, and the letter, "e", substituted in its place.[49] The development of the "H" came much later.[50] According to one authority, this "H" was totally "spurious".[51] Introduced in England probably in the 16th century,[52] the "H" was by no means universally accepted. Many who bore the family name continued to use the traditional "O". In early America, the name appeared with and without the "H". As time passed, confusion existed as to the correct pronunciation,[53] although by the 18th century, the spelling was more or less standardarized.[54] American Hosmers of the 19th century frequently sounded the name with the silent "H". Today, this practice has, to a large extent, died out, and both spelling and pronunciation acknowledge the "H".[55]

- Estimated "Hosmer" Population in America -

1650	=	10 Individuals	
1690	=	20	" [56]
1790	=	289	" [57]
1850	=	1,787	" [58]
1980	=	3,492	" [59]

- "Hosmer" Distribution By State, 1790 -

Connecticut	22 Households	134 Individuals
Massachusetts	16 "	88 "
New York	4 "	30 "
Maine	4 "	16 "
New Hampshire	3 "	15 "
North Carolina	1 Household	3 "
Vermont	1 "	3 "
Total	51 Households	289 Individuals †

† Exclusive of Slaves [60]

- "Hosmer" Distribution By State, 1850 -

Massachusetts	=	102 Households	Indiana	=	5 Households
New York	=	58 "	Pennsylvania	=	4 "
Maine	=	27 "	California	=	2 "
Ohio	=	25 "	Louisiana	=	2 "
Michigan	=	21 "	Maryland	=	2 "
Connecticut	=	18 "	Kentucky	=	1 Household
New Hampshire	=	18 "	Mississippi	=	1 "
Vermont	=	17 "	Rhode Island	=	1 "
Wisconsin	=	9 "	Texas	=	1 "
Illinois	=	8 "			

Total = 322 Households [61]

- Rank Among American Surnames, 1964 -

Unranked. Not among the top 2000 Surnames in the United States [62]

- U. S. Cities With 5 or More "Hosmer" Households, 1980 -

Birmingham	=	51	Households	Washington, D. C.	=	7	Households
Buffalo	=	14	"	Cincinnati	=	7	"
Houston	=	11	"	Cleveland	=	6	"
Detroit	=	10	"	Atlanta	=	6	"
Denver	=	10	"	San Diego	=	5	"
Staten Island	=	7	"	Phoenix	=	5	"
Baltimore	=	7	"	Boston	=	5	" [63]

[1]George Leonard Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy: Descendants of James Hosmer Who Emigrated to America in 1635 and Settled in Concord, Mass.* Cambridge, Mass.: Technical Composition Company, 1928. pp. 1, 4. Hereinafter cited as, *Hosmer Genealogy.*

[2]*Ibid.*, p. 4. King Ida's twelve sons were: Adda, Belric, Theodoric, Ethelric, Theodhere, Osmer, "from his queen", and Occa, Ailric, Ecca, Oswold, Soger, and Sogether (*Ibid.*).

[3]*Ibid.* -- King Ida began his reign in 547 A. D. and ruled for twelve years. According to the famed medieval historian, Bede, "The royal family of Northumbria derives its origin from him [Ida]." (Bede. *A History of the English Church and People.* Translated and with an introduction by Leo Sherley-Price. Baltimore, Maryland: Penguin Books, 1965. p. 326).

[4]*Ruf Haight Eddy Sumner Hatch and Allied Families.* A Private Publication Compiled and Printed for Alpha H. Ruf. New York: The American Historical Society, Inc., 1932. p. 115.

[5]*Ibid. The Bavarian Book of Genealogies* recorded an Usmer coat-of-arms *(Ibid.)*.

[6]Assumption.

[7]William George Searle. *Onomasticon Anglo-Saxonicum: A List of Anglo-Saxon Proper Names from the Time of Beda to that of King John.* Cambridge, Mass.: At the University Press, 1897. Reprinted 1969. Hildesheim, West Germany: Georg Olms Verlags-

buchhandlung, 1969. p. 376. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 18, 20, 36. Hereinafter cited as, *Onomasticon*.

[8]See "Historical Occurrences" below.

[9]P. H. Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1970. p. 237. Same citation for footnotes: 24, 26, 31, 38. Hereinafter cited as, *British Surnames*.

[10]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. pp. 6, 9. Stephen Hosmer, son of James Hosmer, moved from Ticehurst, Sussex to Hawkhurst, Kent shortly after his marriage in 1601 *(Ibid.)*.

[11]*Ibid.*, p. 13.

[12]James B. Hosmer. *Genealogy of the Hosmer Family*. Hartford, Conn.: Steam Press of Elihu Geer, 1861. pp. 3, 9. Hereinafter cited as, *Hosmer Family*.

[13]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 20.

[14]*Ibid.*, pp. 1, 3. -- Early English historians had a tendency to assign year dates to all major Anglo-Saxon events. When actual records were lacking or only partially available, these early chroniclers relied on historical tradition or other non-direct sources. In light of this, modern historians now view the dates provided by their predecessors as approximations. Winston Churchill accurately summarized the modern attitude towards these benchmarks in English history when he wrote: "All that can be said about these dates [supplied by the early historians] is that they correspond broadly to the facts" (Winston S. Churchill. *A History of the English Speaking Peoples*. I: *The Birth of Britain*. New York: Dodd, Mead & Company, 1956. p. 65).

[15]Searle. *Onomasticon*. p. 376. -- Ida was the first king of Bernicia. He came to power in 547 A. D. [see footnote 14]. In 593 A. D., his grandson, Æthelfrith, inherited the kingdom. Through marriage, Æthelfrith was able to join his own dominions with that of the Kingdom of Deira and this, in turn, formed the expanded Kingdom of Northumbria ("Northumbria". *The Encyclopedia Americana*. International Edition. XX. 1980. p. 458c.).

[16]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 18, 20, 36.

[17]*Ibid.* According to this source, Osmær Osmærus, "strongly resembled" King Eadmund Ironside. It was because of this resemblance that he was killed, probably by Eadric Streona *(Ibid.)*. -- Edric Streon [sic], an Earldorman who fought with the Danes under the leadership of Canute, is said to have cut off the head of a man called Osmer. The medieval historian, Florence of Worcester, reported that Edric Streon [sic] shouted to the Saxon warriors as they marched towards the Danish lines:

> 'Flee quickly ye men of Dorsetshire, Devon, and Wilts; you have lost your leader! Lo, here I hold in my hands the head of your lord, Edmund the King; retreat with all speed.'

The ruse worked and the Saxons retreated in disarray. Fortunately for the Saxon cause, the confusion was only temporary. The Saxons regrouped and under the guidance of their much-alive sovereign prevailed, at least in this battle, over their Danish enemies (G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 4).

[19]Mark Anthony Lower. *A Dictionary of the Family Names of*

the United Kingdom. New York: Heraldic Publishing Co., Inc., 1967. p. 163.

[21] Olof von Fleilitzen. *The Pre-Conquest Personal Names of Domesday Book*. Inaugural Dissertation. Uppsala, Sweden: Almqvist & Wiksells Boktryckeri - A. - B., 1937. p. 340. Same citation for footnote: 35. Hereinafter cited as, *Pre-Conquest Names*.

[23] *The English Baronetage: Containing A Genealogical and Historical Account of All the English Baronets, Now Existing: Their Descents, Marriages, and Issues* II. London: "Printed for THO. WOTTON, at the *Three Daggers* and *Queen's Head*, against *St. Dunſtan's-Church*, in *Fleet-Street*.", 1741. p. 88.

[25] *Ruf Haight Eddy Sumner Hatch and Allied Families*. p. 115.

[27] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. pp. 6, 8.

[28] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. pp. 3, 4.

[29] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 6.

[30] *Ibid.*, p, 13; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 3.

[32] C. M. Matthews. *English Surnames*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1967. p. 315. Same citation for footnote: 51.

[33] Basil Cottle. *The Penguin Dictionary of Surnames*. Baltimore, Maryland: Penguin Books, 1967. p. 144.

[34] Elsdon C. Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names*. New York: Harper & Row, Publishers, 1973. p. 241.

[37] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 3.

[39] Letter, Wilma Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, May 18, 1974.

[40] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 1. Same citation for footnote: 42.

[41] *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. Vol. XXII: *Records of the Particular Court 1639-1663*. Hartford, Conn.: Published by the Connecticut Historical Society and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut. Printed in the Hartford Printing Co., (Elihu Geer), 1928. pp. 45, 46, 115, 214.

[43] *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. Vol. XVII: *The Fitch Papers: Correspondence and Documents During Thomas Fitch's Governorship of the Colony 1754-1766*. 1918. p. 134.

[44] *Ruf Haight Eddy Sumner Hatch and Allied Families*. p. 115; G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 1.

[45] Interview, Eva Frances (Hosmer) Roberts/Mc Arthur, July 1980.

[46] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 1. Descendants of James Hosmer, living in northwestern Maine and northern Vermont still use the silent "H" pronunciation *(Ibid.)*.

[47] Interview, Eva Frances (Hosmer) Roberts/Mc Arthur, July 1979. -- This pronunciation is the preferred pronunciation today (the Author).

[48] Reaney. *British Surnames*. pp. 170, 237.

[49] See "Historical Occurrences". -- This replacement of the Old English vowel "æ" to the Middle English "e" probably occurred sometime after 1150 A. D. *(Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language*. Unabridged. Editor: Jean L. Mc Kechnie *et. al.* Second edition. William Collins Publishers, Inc., 1979. pp. *ix, x*.

[50] *Ibid.*

[52] See "Historical Occurrences".

[53]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 1; *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. Vol. XXII: *Records of the Particular Court 1639-1663*. 1928. pp. 45, 46, 115.

[54]Observations of the Author.

[55]Interview, Eva Frances (Hosmer) Roberts/Mc Arthur, June 1971. See: "Population Survey Based on Telephone Directories of America's 50 Largest Cities".

[56]Estimates for 1650 and 1690 are based on family listings found in:

1.) J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. [for the descendants of Thomas].

and,

2.) G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. pp. 21-24. [for the descendants of James].

[57]See Appendix: "Hosmer Households In 1790 As Found In The First Census Of The United States". Same citation for footnote: 60.

[58]See Appendix: "Hosmer Households In 1850 As Found In The Seventh Census Of The United States". Same citation for footnote: 61.

[59]See: "Population Survey Based on Telephone Directories of America's 50 Largest Cities". Same citation for footnote: 63.

[62]Elsdon C. Smith. *American Surnames*. Philadelphia: Chilton Book Company, 1969. pp. 301-326. All unranked surnames in 1964 had an estimated population of less than 14,201 (*Ibid.*, p. 326).

POPULATION SURVEY
BASED ON TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES
OF AMERICA'S 50 LARGEST CITIES

RANK † CITY	"CITY-PROPER" POPULATION †	EFFECTIVE DATE ‡	NUMBER OF HOSMER(S)	NUMBER OF OSMER(S)
1. New York	7,071,030			
Brooklyn		1980-81	0	0
Bronx		1981-82	1	0
Manhattan		1980-81	3	2
Staten Island		1980	7	2
Queens		1980-81	1	0
2. Chicago	3,005,061	July 1981	1	0
3. Los Angeles	2,966,763	June 1980	0	1
4. Philadelphia	1,688,210	Aug. 1980	1	0
5. Houston	1,594,086	Dec. 1980	11	1
6. Detroit	1,203,339	1980-81	10	2
7. Dallas	904,078	Apr. 1981	1	2
8. San Diego	875,504	Jan. 1981	5	3
9. Baltimore	786,775	Nov. 1979	7	0
10. San Antonio	785,410	Sept. 1980	3	1
11. Phoenix	764,911	Jan. 1981	5	5
12. Indianapolis	700,807	Oct. 1980	4	0
13. San Francisco	678,974	Sept. 1980	3	0
14. Memphis	646,356	July 1981	0	0
15. Washington, D. C.	637,651	May 1980	7	2
16. San Jose	636,550	Mar. 1981	2	0
17. Milwaukee	636,212	Nov. 1979	0	1
18. Cleveland	573,822	1980-81	6	0

POPULATION SURVEY
(Continued)

RANK † CITY	"CITY-PROPER" POPULATION †	EFFECTIVE DATE ‡	NUMBER OF HOSMER(S)	NUMBER OF OSMER(S)
19. Columbus	564,871	1981	0	0
20. Boston	562,994	1980	5	3
21. New Orleans	557,482	Nov. 1980	1	1
22. Jacksonville	540,898	June 5, 1980	3	1
23. Seattle	493,846	1980/81	2	2
24. Denver	491,396	Oct. 1979	10	0
25. Nashville	455,651	June 1980	1	0
26. St. Louis	453,085	Feb. 1980	3	2
27. Kansas City	448,159	July 1980	1	1
28. El Paso	425,259	Apr. 1980	4	0
29. Atlanta	425,022	Dec. 1979	6	1
30. Pittsburgh	423,938	Dec. 1980	4	1
31. Oklahoma City	403,213	May 1980	0	1
32. Cincinnati	385,457	June 1980	7	0
33. Fort Worth	385,141	June 1980	0	0
34. Minneapolis	370,951	Dec. 1979	3	0
35. Portland	366,383	1980	3	0
36. Honolulu	365,048	Dec. 1, 1979	2	0
37. Long Beach	361,334	Sept. 1980	2	0
38. Tulsa	360,919	Nov. 1980	1	1
39. Buffalo	357,870	1980-81	14	0
40. Toledo	354,635	1981	0	0
41. Miami	346,931	1980-81	3	0
42. Austin	345,496	Dec. 1980	3	1
43. Oakland	339,288	June 1980	2	1

POPULATION SURVEY
(Continued)

RANK † CITY	"CITY-PROPER" POPULATION †	EFFECTIVE DATE ‡	NUMBER OF HOSMER(S)	NUMBER OF OSMER(S)
44. Albuquerque	331,767	Nov. 1980	1	0
45. Tucson	330,537	July 1980	0	1
46. Newark	329,248	Sept. 1980	0	0
47. Charlotte	314,447	May 1980	0	0
48. Omaha	311,681	May 1980	0	0
49. Louisville	298,451	Oct. 1980	0	0
50. Birmingham	284,413	Aug. 1980	51	3

SOURCES: † *1982 Information Please Almanac: Atlas & Yearbook*. 36th Edition. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1981. pp. 677-686.

‡ Telephone Directories for respective cities.

Note: Number of Hosmer(s) and Osmer(s) are by author's count.

1980 ESTIMATE OF "HOSMER(S)" IN THE UNITED STATES
(Based on Survey of Telephone Directories)

Number of Directories Consulted: 54
Number of "Hosmer(s) Listed: 210[1]

Combined Population of Cities Surveyed: 38,941,350[2]

POPULATION SURVEY
(Continued)

Total Population of the United States (Apr. 1, 1980)	226,504,825[3]
Estimated "Hosmer" Households (1980)	1,221[4]
Persons/Household in the United States (Mar. 1980)	2.86[5]
Estimated "Hosmer" Population in the United States - 1980	3,492[6]

1980 ESTIMATE OF "OSMER(S)" IN THE UNITED STATES
(Based on Survey of Telephone Directories)

Number of Directories Consulted:	54
Number of "Osmer(s)" Listed:	42[7]

Estimated "Osmer" Households (1980)	244[8]
Persons/Household in the United States (Mar. 1980)	2.86[9]
Estimated "Osmer" Population in the United States - 1980	698[10]

1980 COMBINED ESTIMATES OF "HOSMER(S)" AND "OSMER(S)" IN THE UNITED STATES

Hosmer(s)	=	3,492 persons
Osmer(s)	=	698 persons
Total		4,190 persons[11]

[1]Author's count. Same citation for footnote: 7.

[2]Tally based on population figures in: *1982 Information Please Almanac: Atlas & Yearbook*. 36th Edition. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1981. pp. 677-686.

[3]*Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1981*. 102nd Edition. U. S. Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. Washington, D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1981. p. 5.

[4] 38,941,350 ÷ 226,504,825 = .171922827 ... In other words, approximately 17.2% of the population of the United States lived in one of the nation's 50 largest cities. If the 210 Hosmers listed in the directories above also represented 17.2% of the total Hosmer families in the country, then there were 1,221 households bearing the "Hosmer" surname in the United States in 1980. This estimate is based on the assumption that the "Hosmer" surname occurred with the same frequency in the rest (82.8%) of the country.

$$\frac{.172}{.828} \times \frac{210}{y} \; ; \quad y = 1{,}010.9302;$$

$$+ \begin{array}{r} 210 \\ 1{,}011 \end{array}$$

1,221 Households

[5]*Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1981. p. 42.* Same citation for footnote: 9.

[6] 1,221 Hosmer Households X 2.86 persons/household = 3,492.06 Persons

[8] 38,941,350 ÷ 226,504,825 = .171922827 ... In other words, approximately 17.2% of the population of the United States lived in one of the nation's 50 largest cities. If the 42 Osmers listed in the directories above also represents 17.2% of the total Osmer families in the country, then there were 244 households bearing the "Osmer" surname in the United States in 1980. This estimate is based on the assumption that the "Osmer" surname occurred with the same frequency in the rest (82.8%) of the country.

$$\frac{.172}{.828} \times \frac{42}{z} \; ; \quad z = 202.18604;$$

$$+ \begin{array}{r} 42 \\ 202 \end{array}$$

244 Households

[10] 244 Osmer Households X 2.86 persons/household = 697.84

[11]See footnotes: 6, 10.

BIOGRAPHIES

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PROMINENT HOSMERS OF THE PAST

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Biographies are but the clothes and buttons of the man - the biography of the man himself cannot be written.

-- MARK TWAIN

(*Autobiography*, 1924)


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SCOTLAND
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NORTH SEA
Isle of Man
Cumberland
Durham
Westmore-
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Lancashire
IRISH SEA
York
Anglesey
Cheshire
Derby
Notts
Lincoln
Stafford
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Norfolk
Cardigan
Bay
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Hunt.
Worc.
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Suffolk
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Gloucester
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Buck.
Wilts
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Midd.
London
Bristol Chan.
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Kent
Somerset
Hampshire
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ANCESTRAL TIES TO ENGLAND

Like all fields of study, genealogy requires a beginning point, a springboard from which to expand and develope. Much like fog lifting from a grassy field, the division between the seen and the unseen is not always distinct. English records, for the most part, are fairly complete up to about the middle of the 16th century. Beyond this, however, records become increasingly scarce and less detailed.

How far back in history can one trace the Hosmer family? This is an extremely difficult question to answer.[1] A diligent search might take a researcher as far as the 10th or the 11th century.[2] This, of course, is only an educated guess.[3] Official records of the period clearly show that the Osmær name (along with its various equivalents) existed in Devonshire and Dorsetshire as early as the 11th century.[4] According to one source, America's Hosmers are directly descended from, "an ancient Dorsetshire family".[5] There is no documentation for this assertion, but it sounds quite plausible, given the historical occurrences of the name.[6] Genealogically speaking, our knowledge of the Hosmer family goes back only as far as the middle 1500's. These early Hosmer ancestors lived in Eastern Sussex.[7] How long the family had lived in Sussex is unknown, but it could have been for a considerable period of time.[8] George Leonard Hosmer wrote:

> The name Hosmer (Osmer) is very ancient in the Counties of Sussex and Kent, and there are many records of this name. It is considered probable that the family could be traced back to 1300 if an exhaustive search were made.[9]

Perhaps, some future family historian will discover the link between the Osmær(s) of Dorsetshire and Devonshire and the Hosmer(s) of Sussex and Kent.[10]

Our first documented English antecedent was James Hosmer.[11] Although

the exact date of his birth is unknown, evidence suggests that he was born sometime during the late 1540's or early 1550's.[12] He lived in the small community of Ticehurst in the county of Sussex.[13] The village of Ticehurst is located in the Eastern Division of Sussex, approximately half way between Wadhurst, Sussex and Hawkhurst, Kent.[14] It was here, in Ticehurst, that James and his wife, Agnes, raised their growing family.[15] Church records indicate that James had seven children -- four boys and three girls.[16] Of this number, at least one child died before reaching maturity.[17]

Little is known about James Hosmer's life except for the names of his children and the fact that he died in 1605. According to probate records (housed at Lewes, Sussex), Agnes was the administrator of her husband's estate.[18] Ticehurst burial records do not contain the name of James Hosmer. This is particularly puzzling when one considers that Agnes was listed in 1614.

Stephen Hosmer, James' oldest son, was baptized in Ticehurst, Sussex on Dec. 26, 1570. Like his brothers and sisters, his early years were spent in Ticehurst.[19] On Jan. 25, 1601/02,[20] Stephen married Dorothy Selden, daughter of William and Mary (Appes) Selden.[21] Shortly after their marriage, the young couple moved to the neighboring town of Hawkhurst, Kent.[22] Unfortunately, we do not know the conditions which made this move necessary. Possibly, it was for economic reasons.[23] In any event, the family prospered and grew. All nine of their children were baptized in Hawkhurst.[24] To give the reader some appreciation of the Hawkhurst area, the following comes from an 1835 English topographical dictionary:

> HAWKHURST *(ST. LAWRENCE)*, a parish, partly in the hundred of HENHURST, rape of HASTINGS, county of SUSSEX, but chiefly in the hundred of EAST BARNFIELD, lathe of SCRAY, county of KENT, 5 miles (S. S. W.) from Cranbrooke, containing 2428 inhabitants [1835]. ... This parish is of great extent, and abounds with picturesque scenery, the soil is favourable for the growth of hops, the cultivation of which is carried on to some extent; at present [1835] there are 446 acres of hop plantations. A fair for cattle and pedlery is annually held on Aug. 10th[25]

Although the above description was written over 200 years after Stephen's arrival in Hawkhurst, it probably accurately reflected the conditions that existed there in the first quarter of the 17th century. Things changed little

in those early days.[26]

Stephen Hosmer died in 1632 and was buried in Hawkhurst. His wife followed him in death eight years later. Fortunately for us, their deaths did not mark the end of the Hosmer saga. Two of their sons -- Thomas and James -- had the courage to start new lives in the New World. From these two intrepid souls, the Hosmer family took root in America.[27]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 6, 8, 10, 23, 26.

[2]See "The 'Hosmer' Surname" - Historical Occurrences. Same citation for footnote: 4.

[5]*The Prominent Families of the United States of America.* Edited by Arthur Meredyth Burke. New York: Heraldic Publishing Co., Inc., 1975. p. 389.

[7]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 6. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 22, 24.

[12]The Author. This assumption is based on the fact that Stephen, James' oldest son, was christened in 1570. If James was 20 years old at the christening of his of his son, then he was himself born in 1550 [1570 - 20 = 1550]. If James was slightly older than this, then he was born in the 1540's.

[14]Samuel Lewis. *Topographical Dictionary of England, Comprising the Several Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Corporate, and Market Towns, Parishes, Chapelries, and Townships, and the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, and Man With Historical and Statistical Descriptions.* Third Edition. IV. London: "Published By S. Lewis And Co., 87, Aldersgate-Street.", 1835. [Based on Sussex map, engraved by J. & C. Walker - included in the above volume]. Hereinafter cited as, *Topographical Dictionary of England.*

[16]Based on three sources:

A.) Arthur Broomfield listed 6 children:

Steven Hosmer [christened: 26 Dec. 1570]
James Hosmer [christened: 12 Feb. 1575/76]
Ann Hosmer [christened: 1 Nov. 1578]
Wyllaym Hesmer [christened: 18 June 1581]
Jane Hosmer [christened: 24 Sept. 1587]
Martha Hosmer [buried: 25 June 1572]

(*Parish Registers: Ticehurst, Sussex County, England [Christenings 1560-1654, Marriages 1559-1563, Burials 1559-1573].* Transcribed and Typed by Arthur Broomfield. 1955. pp. 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 58. Hereinafter cited as, *Parish Registers: Ticehurst.*)

B.) A parish printout listed 5 children:

Ann Hosmer
James Hosmer
Jane Hosmer
Steven Hosmer
Thomas Hosomer [christened: 2 Nov. 1572]

(*Parish Printout of Ticehurst Parish, Sussex, England 1560-1655*. Extracted by the Records Tabulation Department and Published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Inc., 1969. p. 1384. Hereinafter cited as, *Parish Printout of Ticehurst*)

C.) G. L. Hosmer listed 5 children:

Stephen Hosmer
Thomas Hosmer
James Hosmer
Martha Hosmer
Anne Hosmer

(G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 6)

From these three sources, it appears that James Hosmer had a total of seven children.

[17]*Parish Registers: Ticehurst*. p. 58. Martha Hosmer was buried in 1572 *(Ibid.)*. There is a possibility that Wyllaym Hesmer died young also, as neither G. L. Hosmer nor the L.D.S. printouts listed him.

[18]According to G. L. Hosmer, the administration of James' estate, " ... was [left] to his widow Agnes, in 1605, as shown by the probate records at Lewes, County of Sussex, Adm. Book B-3, page 53." (G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 6).

[20]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 9.

[21]*Selden Ancestry: A Family History Giving the Ancestors and Descendants of George Shattuck Selden and his Wife Elizabeth Wright Clark*. [Edited by] Sophia Selden Rogers, Elizabeth Selden Lane, Edwin van Deusen Selden. Oil City, Penn.: "Published By Edwin van Deusen Selden", [1932?]. pp. 21, 22. Hereinafter cited as, *Selden Ancestry*.

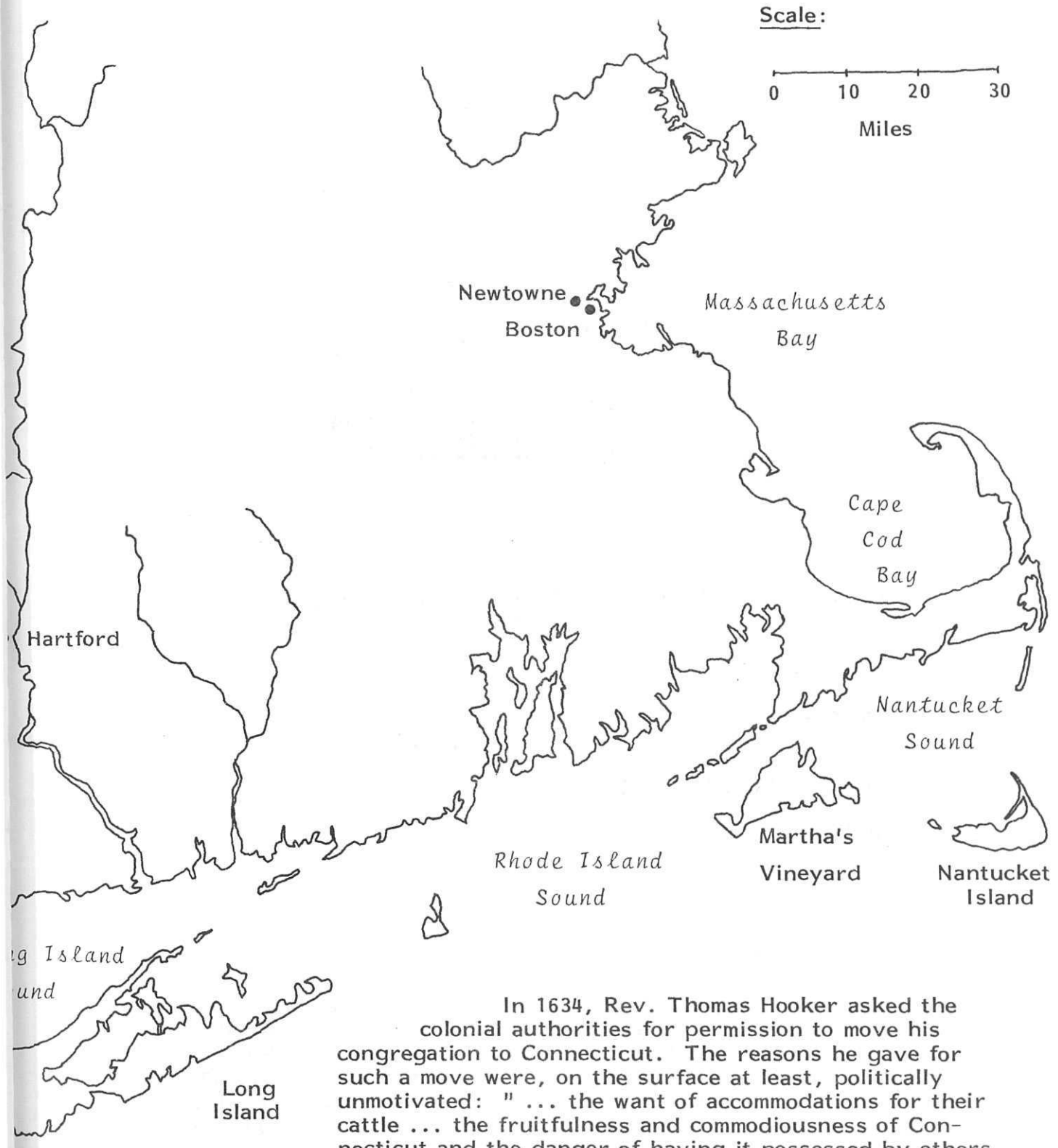
[25]Lewis. *Topographical Dictionary of England*. II. 1835. [n. p.].

[27]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. pp. 10, 13.

Massachusetts

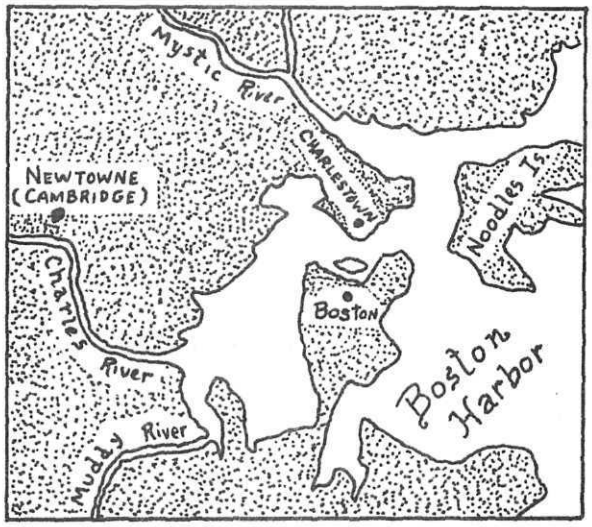
AND

Connecticut



In 1634, Rev. Thomas Hooker asked the colonial authorities for permission to move his congregation to Connecticut. The reasons he gave for such a move were, on the surface at least, politically unmotivated: " ... the want of accommodations for their cattle ... the fruitfulness and commodiousness of Connecticut and the danger of having it possessed by others, Dutch or English: the strong bent of their spirits to remove thither." (*The Pagent of America*. I: *Adventures In The Wilderness*. 1925. p. 218).

BOSTON
Massachusetts



NAME: Took name from Boston, Lincolnshire, England.

LOCATION: Situated on Boston Bay at the mouths of the Charles and Mystic Rivers

ELEVATION: 10 feet above sea level.

MEAN TEMPERATURES: January -- 29.9°
July -- 73.7°

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION: 42.77"

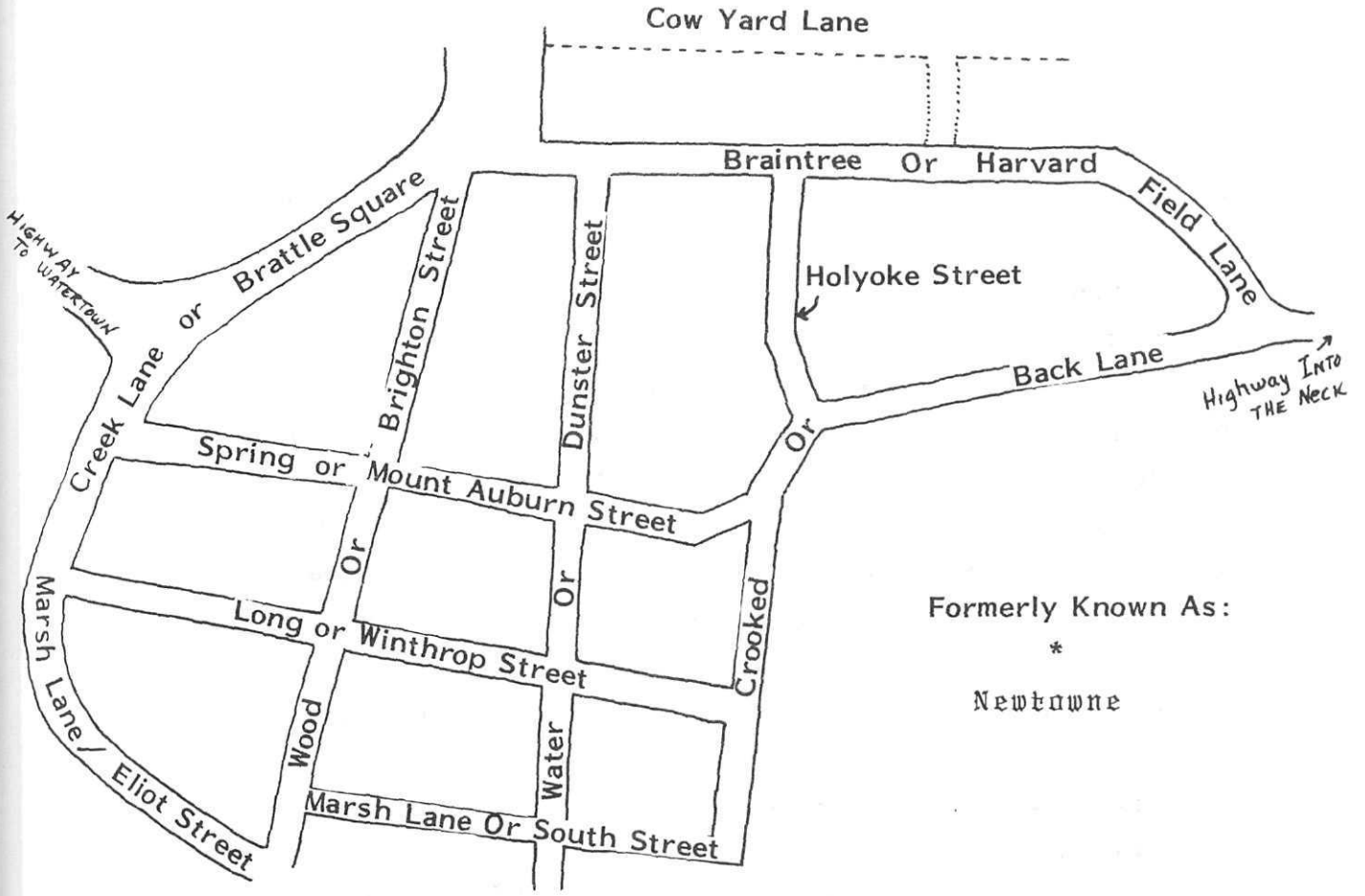
SETTLED: 1630

POPULATION: 1790 = 18,320
1800 = 24,937

EARLY GOVERNORS OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY:

John Winthrop	June 1630 - May 1634
Thomas Dudley	May 1634 - May 1635
John Haynes	May 1635 - May 1636
Henry Vane	May 1636 - May 1637
John Winthrop	May 1637 - May 1640
Thomas Dudley	May 1640 - June 1641

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE



Map adapted from: Lucius R. Paige. *History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1630-1877: With A Genealogical Register.* Boston: Published by H. O. Houghton And Company; New York: Hurd and Houghton; Cambridge: The Riverside Press, 1877.

Lucius Paige reported that Thomas Hosmer in 1635 resided, "on the southerly side of Brattle Street, and in 1642 on the southerly side of Winthrop Street, between Brighton and Spring streets." (Same source, p. 589).

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THOMAS HOSMER

The life of Thomas Hosmer, our emigrant ancestor, can aptly be described as one of incredible courage, determination, and enterprise. Coming from a well ordered society in England, Thomas and his fellow adventurers faced an untamed land in America -- a frontier full of dangers and uncertainties. Disease, Indians, harsh winters, crop failures, scarce supplies and an admixture of other natural and man-made obstacles faced these early settlers. In this harsh environment, not everyone survived, and not everyone succeeded. Yet, out of it all, Thomas was one of the fortunate ones. Like a fragile flower in the mist of a desert, Thomas burst forward, blossomed and grew. Even after 350 years, one can not but marvel at the perseverance and unconquerable spirit of this remarkable man. To some, perhaps, these words might seem excessive and overly flattering. An examination of the facts, however, will show them to be an accurate reflection of a truly uncommon man.[1]

Thomas Hosmer was born in the parish of Hawkhurst in the county of Kent. Baptized on Jan. 2, 1602/03, Thomas was the eldest son of Stephen and Dorothy (Selden) Hosmer.[2] Of his early life, we know almost nothing.[3]

In or about the year 1631/32, Thomas Hosmer, then a young man of 28 years, left England for America.[4] The reason or reasons which prompted his departure from his native England will probably never be known for certain as journals and other personal records, for this period, are lacking. The lure of adventure, however, must have been a factor in his decision.[5]

The ships of the day which ventured between England and America were incredibly small by modern standards. The *Mayflower*, for example, the ship which brought John Alden, Myles Standish, William Bradford, and about a hundred other pilgrims to Cape Cod in 1621 weighed only 180 tons. From bow to stern, the *Mayflower*, measured 90 feet. Living space on board was

even smaller. The *Mayflower's* deck measured a scant 20 feet by 75 feet and its hold was only 15 feet by 25 feet. In addition, the hold's ceiling was so low that a man could not stand up without bumping his head.[6] It was probably on a ship of similar proportions that Thomas Hosmer and his fellow passengers made the crossing 10 years later.[7] The typical passage time between the Old and New Worlds, via the northern route, was 8 to 10 weeks.[8]

Unfortunately, the exact date or the circumstances which surrounded his landing in the fledgling Massachusetts Bay Colony have been lost to history. We do know, however, that he lost little time in making his mark in the New World.[9] On Feb. 2, 1633, the colonial authorities granted Thomas Hosmer three acres in Newtown.[10] In 1635, records show that he resided on the south side of Brattle Street.[11]

In the early history of Massachusetts Bay Colony, the division between church and state was, to say the least, blurred. Church officials often wielded more power and influence than their secular counterparts. In such a social structure, church membership became essential for any man who wanted to improve his station in life. Unfortunately, church membership was not automatic and did not come with church attendance. Indeed, it was limited to a very few elected "saints".

In an effort to perpetuate their own power, Puritan leaders degreed that no man could be admitted a freeman until he had proved to the assembled congregation that he had experienced, "a personal conversion" or "conviction of salvation". Without such convincing testimony, the much sought after status of freeman could not be granted. The right to vote and the privilege of holding public office hinged on this "proof of election".[12] The Massachusetts Body of Liberties, written in 1641, defined quite clearly the rights and duties of freemen:

> 62. Any shire or town shall have liberty to choose their deputies whom and where they please for the General Court. So be it they be freemen, and have taken their oath of fealty, and inhabiting in this jurisdiction
> 66. The freemen of every township shall have power to make such by-laws and constitu- as may concern the welfare of their town, provided they be not of a criminal, but only of a prudential nature, and that

> their penalties exceed not 20 shillings for one offense, and that they be not repugnant to the public laws and orders of the country
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> 68. It is the liberty of the freemen to choose such deputies for the General Court out of themselves, either in their own towns or elsewhere as they judge fittest.[13]

Thomas was well aware of these religious requirements for social and financial success.[14] On May 6, 1635, he was admitted a freeman.[15] At that moment, he became a member of the town's small influential elite.[16]

Becoming a freeman was not an end in itself, but rather a beginning. It opened doors. This was particularly true in the case of Thomas Hosmer. In the months that followed, Thomas' stature in the community expanded greatly.[17] Many of the town's leading citizens considered him worthy of public office. In Nov. 1635, Thomas was chosen as one of the town's nine new "selectmen". Essentially, this meant that he and his eight associates were responsible for the conduct of the town's affairs for the coming year. Below is an transcription of that 1635 document:

> Att A Gennerall Meeting of the whole [] ther was then Choſſen to order buſſines of the whole Towne for the year following and vntell new bee Choſſen in their Rooms
>
> mr Roger Harlackenden
> William Spencer
> Andrew Warner
> Joſeph Cooke
> John Bridg
> Clement Chapline
> Nicho: Danforth
> Tho: Hoſmer
> William Andrews
>
> wch nyne men are to haue the power of the whole Towne as thoſe formerly Choſſen hadd as may Apear in the orders made the 3 ffebruary 1634[18]

The trust and respect of his fellow citizens must have been a heady tonic for a young man barely into his 30's.[19]

The cornerstones of Puritan society in Massachusetts Bay Colony was piety and practicality. The strong religious views of the people and their leaders, however, were tempered by the realities of frontier life. In such a community, the acquisition of earthly possessions -- property, goods, money --

was not looked upon with disfavor, but rather was considered a token of God's favor and approval.[20] Such views coincided nicely with Thomas' own desire for prosperity and respectability.[21]

Discipline and order were the prime concerns of the colony. Deviations from the established order - whether on religious or secular grounds - were simply not tolerated. Those who dared to question the principles of the community were dealt with promptly and severely. Roger Williams was one of those mavericks. For questioning the right of the state to take Indian lands, and for suggesting the separation of church and state, the authorities banished him in 1635.[22]

It was in such an uncompromising political climate that the settlement of Connecticut took place. It began, ostensibly, as a move to seek better farming and grazing land. There were, of course, other reasons. Rev. Thomas Hooker and his associates were not comfortable with the stern and unbending attitudes of the colony's leadership. They wanted to administer their own affairs. Taking a lesson from the Williams' affair, they proceeded prudently and with the grudging approval of the Bay authorities.[23] Thomas Hosmer was a prominent member of the Hooker congregation. He participated in the decision to leave.[24]

According to a number of sources, Thomas was among the main body of the Hooker congregation which set off in June 1636 for the Connecticut River Valley.[25] It must have been a strange sight, reminiscent of the Biblical story of the Israelites in search of the promised land. They numbered a hundred souls. Driving their cattle in front of them, this hardy group made the entire journey on foot.[26]

Once they reached their destination, the Connecticut River, the settlers proceeded at once to lay out the roads, lots, and boundaries of their new community. The town that thus sprang up was named Hartford, in honor of Samuel Stone's birthplace, Hartford, England.[27] It was built on land that Thomas Hooker and Samuel Stone purchased from the Sulkiaug Indians.[28] Thomas Hosmer is recorded as being one of the original settlers of Hartford.[29]

Thomas, apparently returned to Newtown shortly after the establishment

of the town. The historian Rev. William Love reported the following:

> Some of the most prominent members of Hooker's Congregation were detained at Newtown. Benjamin Burr and Thomas Hosmer seem to have been there June 6, 1637, but probably followed that season.[30]

Whether his stay in Newtown was prompted by personal or church business or a combination of both is unclear.[31] It is interesting to note, however, that even as late as 1642, Thomas Hosmer had interests in Newtown. In that year, according to one source, Thomas' Newtown holdings included a parcel of land situated on the south side of Winthrop Street between Brighton and Spring Streets.[32]

On the personal side of Thomas' life, records indicate that he was married and the father of four children. His wife was named Frances. Her maiden name is unknown.[33] Judging from the dates of birth of his four children, it appears that Thomas entered fatherhood at a rather mature age. At the birth of his first child, Clemence, in 1642, Thomas was 39 years old.[34] His children, in order of their birth, were: Stephen (1645)[35], Hannah (1649), and Hester (1652).[36]

Thomas' years in Hartford proved to be the most prosperous and satisfying years of his life. In the distribution of land in Jan. 1639, Thomas received 60 acres.[37]

> The following, (copied from Dr. Hawes' Centennial address,) is a list of the names of all persons holding land in Hartford, in February 1639. At that time it appears that all the lands of the inhabitants were recorded in a book, and we have every reason to suppose this to be a perfect list. The ancient orthography is retained.
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> .
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> George Graves
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> Thomas Selden
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> Thomas Osmer
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> Total, 127[38]

His home lot in Hartford was located on the edge of South Meadow, not far from the south end of Governor Street.[39] He was a neighbor of Rev. Hooker. As the years passed, so did Thomas' land holdings. He became one of the largest land holders along the Connecticut River. Thomas was also an active trader in the area. His business dealings touched communities as far south as Middletown.[40]

As Thomas' personal fortune increased so did his social and civic responsibilities. In 1643 and 1647, Thomas was elected as townsman for Hartford. Thomas also served as a deputy to the General Court of Connecticut.[41] Official records indicate that he was a member of the following juries:

Tho: Osmore	Dec. 9, 1641
Tho. Osmore	Oct. 14, 1642
Tho: Osmore	Nov. 9, 1643
Tho: Osmor	Sept. 1, 1644
Tho: Osmore	Dec. 4, 1645
Tho: Osmore	Mar. 4, 1646
Tho Osmor	May 21, 1647
Tho: Osmor	1648
Tho Ossmore	March 1648
Tho: Ossmore	March 16 $\frac{52}{53}$
Tho: Osmore	May 16, 1654
Tho: Ossmore	Dec. 1655
Tho: Osmore	Dec. 3, 1657
Tho: Osmore	M^{rch} 3^{r} $\frac{58}{59}$
Thom^{s} Hosmore	June 7, 1660
Thomas Osmore	Oct. 15, 1662[42]

In addition to these offices, Thomas was chosen Hartford constable in 1639 and 1663.[43] In this later capacity, Thomas became embroiled in a dispute between local and Dutch settlers. The confrontation came about as a result of a land dispute. It seems land distributed to either James Ensign or Andrew Bacon was also claimed by Dutch settlers. Pursuing their rights to the property, the Dutch, on April 24, 1637 [1639?] proceeded to plough the land. This brought a quick response from the English settlers in Hartford. Of the events which followed, Rev. Love wrote:

> Thereupon the English constable - who was most likely Thomas Hosmer - living near, came with a dozen men armed with sticks. With blows and shouts, they frightened the horses so they ran away. An hour later the Dutch resumed their

> ploughing without hindrance. That night, however, the English sowed corn in the field.

As with so many international disputes, the outcome was inconclusive. Governor Hopkins and the Dutch Commissary Opdyck exchanged written protests. When tempers on both sides had cooled, a truce was arranged.[44]

By the late 1670's, Thomas Hosmer's land holdings (including those properties touching into East Hardford) totalled 691 acres. In a bold move, Thomas sold it all, and in 1679 bought 90 acres in the undeveloped "West Division" of Hartford. This West Hartford parcel consisted of a narrow strip of land running from The Commons [Quaker Lane] to Farmington Bounds [Mountain Road]. As time went on, Thomas added to his West Hartford holdings until they totalled over 300 acres.[45]

Stephen Hosmer, Thomas' son, is credited with being West Hartford's first white settler. This is true, although much of the town's early development came as a direct result of Thomas' own entrepreneural initiatives. It was Thomas Hosmer, for example, who built the dam across Trout Brook at the point where it meets North Main Street. It was also Thomas Hosmer who erected the first house, where his son lived, and constructed the first sawmill. Built for his son Stephen, the sawmill was the town's first business. Both Stephen's house and the sawmill were built on what is now North Main Street, slightly north of Wyndwood Road.[46]

Frances, Thomas' wife died on Feb. 15, 1675. At the time of her passing, she was 73 years old.[47] From our vantage point three centuries removed, it is almost impossible to accurately assess Thomas' state of mind at the death of his wife. Whether it was meek acceptance of the inevitable or fiery blind anger, one can only speculate. The nature and length of his wife's illness surely influenced his emotional state when the end finally came. Unfortunately, no personal papers for this period have come to light. Whatever his feelings, loneliness unquestionably followed. After so many years of marrriage, to be alone again must have been a terrible blow.[48] His life as a widower continued for four years until he met the widow, Katherine Wilton. A Windsor minister recorded the following:

> May 6th, '79 Goodman Osmer of Hartford and the widow Wilton, that had been wife to David Wilton, were to be married at Hartford.[49]

Clemence, Thomas' eldest daughter, lived in Northampton, Massachusetts with her husband Jonathan Hunt and their children. Evidence suggests that Thomas visited or, perhaps, lived with the Hunts sometime after Frances' death[50] and while there met the widow Wilton.[51] The autumn years of his life were spent in Northampton.[52] These final years were peaceful and apparently uneventful.[53] Death came in April of 1687, at the age of 83. He was buried in Northampton. His tombstone contained the following inscription:

THOMAS
HOSMER, AGED
83 YEARS. HE
DYED April 12.
1687[54]

According to an 1871 source, Thomas' tombstone was one of the oldest in the cemetery. Its letters after 200 years were, "as plain as those engraved the previous year". At the foot of the grave was another stone almost as large as the head stone. It was inscribed with the initials "T.H."[55] On either side of his grave were graves of the Hunt family.[56]

An inventory of Thomas Hosmer's property indicated that he left a considerable estate. The inventory totalled £ 1,036, exclusive of his Northampton holdings. By 17th century standards, this was a very substantial sum.[57] When viewed from his humble beginnings in the New World, his achievements were nothing short of remarkable.[58]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 7, 9, 14, 17, 19, 21, 31, 48, 53, 58.

[2]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy. pp. 6, 8, 9.*

[4]"Hosmer Arrived With Hooker". *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.). []. p. 32. Photocopy of article sent by Mrs. Ruth Stafford. Same citation for footnotes: 40, 45.

[5]Letter, Mary Beth Beidl, Reference Department, Cambridge Public Library, to Ronald Roberts, Jan. 14, 1975. Mrs. Beidl wrote: " ... our collection contains no material written by

him. As there is no diary extant, to my knowledge, it is impossible to say what prompted him to come to America" (*Ibid.*).

[6]Melvin Maddock. *The Seafarers: The Atlantic Crossing.* Alexandria, Virginia: Time-Life Books, 1981. pp. 14, 15, 18.

[8]*Ibid.* p. 19.

[10]*The Records of the Town of Cambridge (formerly Newtowne) Massachusetts 1630-1703: The Records of the Town Meetings, and of the Selectmen, Comprising All of the First Volume of Records, and Being Volume II. of the Printed Records of the Town.* Cambridge, Mass.: Printed by order of the City Council under the direction of the City Clerk, 1901. p. 7. Hereinafter cited as, *Records of Cambridge.*

[11]Lucius R. Paige. *History of Cambridge, Massachusetts 1630-1877: With a Genealogical Register.* Boston: Published by H. O. Houghton and Company. New York: Hurd and Houghton; Cambridge, Mass.: Riverside Press, 1877. p. 589. Same citation for footnote: 32.

[12]Louis B. Wright. *The Atlantic Frontier: Colonial American Civilization [1607-1763].* Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1965. pp. 117, 120. Hereinafter cited as, *The Atlantic Frontier.*

[13]"Massachusetts Body of Liberties, 1641" in *The People Shall Judge: Readings in the Formulation of American Policy.* I. Selected and Edited by The Staff, Social Sciences 1. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1965. p. 18.

[15]*Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.* Printed by order of the Legislature. Edited by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, M. D. I: 1628-1641. Boston: From the Press of William White. 1858. Reprint. First AMS EDITION published 1968. New York, 1968. p. 370.

[16]Wright. *The Atlantic Frontier.* p. 120.

[18]*Records of Cambridge.* pp. 13,14.

[20]Wright. *The Atlantic Frontier.* pp. 141, 142.

[22]Oscar Handlin. *The History of the United States.* I. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1967. p. 49.

[23]Wright. *The Atlantic Frontier.* p. 136. Same citation for footnote: 26.

[24]William De Loss Love. *The Colonial History of Hartford: Gathered From the Original Records.* Hartford, Conn.: Published by the author. 1914. p. 33. Same citation for footnote: 30. Hereinafter cited as, *Colonial History of Hartford.*

[25]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 3. Same citation for footnotes: 49, 54, 56.

[27]"Hartford". *The New Encyclopædia Britannica.* Micropædia. IV. 15th edition. 1979. p. 929.

[28]Andrea N. Calabrese. "One Man, One Sawmill Was the Start of It All: W. H. Was Part of City Before 1854". *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.). Saturday, March 4, 1967. Same citation for for footnote: 46.

[29]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 3. -- Many years later, the residents of Hartford erected a monument to honor those first settlers. Thomas Hosmer's name is inscribed on that monument (George Gibbs. *The Gibbs Family of Rhode Island and Some Related Families.* New York: Privately Printed, 1933. pp. 79, 80. Hereinafter cited as, *Gibbs Family*).

[33]*Ibid.*, pp. 3, 4.

[34]*Ruf Haight Eddy Sumner Hatch and Allied Families: Genealogical and Biographical.* A Private Publication Compiled and Printed for Alpha H. Ruf. New York: The American Historical Society, Inc., 1932. p. 116. Hereinafter cited as, *Ruf and Allied Families.*

[35]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 4. Same citation for footnote: 47.

[36]*Genealogical Record of the Pioneer Families of Avon, N. Y.: Pierson, Waterous, Hosmer, Martin, Etc. and Their Descendants.* "Committee: Judge John Pierson, Danville, Ill. W. H. C. Hosmer, Esq. Avon, N. Y. S. Amanda Whitbeck, Fillmore, N. Y." Rochester, N. Y.: Express Printing House, 1871. p. 22. Same citation for footnotes: 50, 52. Hereinafter cited as, *Pioneer Families.*

[37]Love. *Colonial History of Hartford.* p. 124; *Gibbs Family.* pp. 79, 80.

[38]John Warner Barber. *Connecticut Historical Collections, Containing a General Collection of Interesting Facts, Traditions, Biographical Sketches, Anecdotes, &c. Relating to the History of Every Town in Connecticut With Geographical Description.* "Published and Sold at New Haven, by John W. Barber and Hartford, by A. Willard". New Haven, Conn.: "Printed by B. L. Hamlen", 1836. p. 47. Hereinafter cited as, *Connecticut Historical Collections.*

[39]*The Memorial History of Hartford County Connecticut 1633-1884.* Edited by J. Hammond Trumbull. Projected by Clarence F. Jewett. I. Boston: Edward L. Osgood Publisher, 1886. p. 247. Hereinafter cited as, *Memorial History of Hartford.*

[41]*Ibid.*

[42]*Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society.* Vol. XXII: *Records of the Particular Courts 1639-1663.* Hartford, Conn.: Published by the Connecticut Historical Society and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Connecticut, 1928. pp. 16, 17, 23, 29, 37, 45, 46, 50, 59, 115, 126, 154, 183, 197, 214, 255.

[43]*Memorial History of Hartford.* p. 247. -- The typed manuscript, *Hosmer Family Record,* reported the following: "He [Thomas Hosmer] was Constable 1636-39-63. Magistrate in 1647." *(Hosmer Family Record.* Typed Manuscript. p. 2. Photocopy of this manuscript sent by James Cecil Church to Ronald S. Hosmer).

[44]*Colonial History of Hartford.* p. 108.

[51]Assumption.

[55]*Pioneer Families.* pp. 21, 22.

[58]*Hosmer Genealogy: Ancestry and Descendants of Zechariah Hosmer of Parkman, Ohio.* Compiled by Mary Rosebrugh Hosmer. Freeport, Illinois: Published by the Compiler, [1944?]. Revised edition. Reunion committee, [1972]. p. 2. Hereinafter cited as, *Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer.*

STEPHEN HOSMER
(1645 - 1693)

The greater part of Stephen Hosmer's abbreviated life was lived in the shadow of his successful father, Thomas Hosmer. There were, of course, many advantages associated with being Thomas' only son (education, money, business opportunities and the like), but there were also a number of disadvantages (pressure, self-doubt, and unfulfilled expectations), as well.[1] Unfortunately, Stephen did not share all of his father's interests and abilities. He lacked, in other words, his father's considerable social and business skills. Nevertheless, Stephen was a community leader in his own right[2] and proved himself to be a moderately successful businessman. Perhaps, not in the same class as his father, but still a respected member of Connecticut society.[3]

As already noted, it was Thomas Hosmer who developed West Hartford. Although his son Stephen was not involved in the original land transactions, he was still a participant and one of the principal beneficiaries of the West Hartford venture. At age 34 [1679], Stephen was the town's first resident. He was also the area's first businessman, operating a sawmill near Trout Brook.

Historical evidence suggests that Stephen Hosmer was as intent on devesting himself of his West Hartford properties as his father had been, years before, in acquiring them. The 90 acre parcel closest to the Center was the first to go. In 1692, five years after his father's death, Stephen sold large tracts of land to the Hooker, Whiting, Stone, Spencer, and White families. These West Hartford parcels ran from the Commons west to Trout Brook.[4]

Although information is lacking, it appears that Stephen Hosmer was married about 1668. His wife was Hannah Bushnell, daughter of Deacon Francis Bushnell, one of the original settlers of Saybrook, Connecticut.[5] By Hannah, Stephen had ten children.[6] This was a large family even by colonial standards. Providing for such a large brood placed a considerable strain on Stephen's limited resources, and could very well explain why he was so eager to dispose of his West Hartford holdings.[7]

According to the provisions of Thomas Hosmer's will, Stephen inherited his father's house and lands in Hartford's South Meadows.[8] As a result, Stephen and his family moved from West Hartford to Hartford. It was here, in Hartford, that his leadership qualities were recognized. He was appointed to the position of Townsman for the years, 1673, 1676, 1677, and 1689, and was chosen as one of the deacons of the First Congregational Church[9] in 1686.[10] He also served as a deputy to the General Court, held in Hartford on Oct. 9, 1690.[11] To illustrate Stephen's interest in civic affairs, the following comes from Rev. Love's book, *The Colonial History of Hartford:*

> In the time of Sir Edmund Andros, the General Court, fearing that their rights were in danger, had required each town to take out a patent from the Governor and Company, the grantees under the Charter, and had divided among them the western lands. Such a patent of the land within the town's bounds, was issued May 26, 1685, to Major John Talcott, ... Mr. Stephen Hosmer, and the rest of the proprietors of the town, 'sayd parcell of land hauing been by purchaſs or otherwise Lawfully obteyned of the Indian Natiue proprietors'.[12]

Evidently, the political intrigues of the period required constant vigilance on the part of the town's inhabitants. Encroachments of any type were met swiftly and with stern determination.[13]

Stephen Hosmer's life came to an end on Nov. 4, 1693. He was only 48 years old.[14] He left behind him a big family and a large body of friends and associates. Emerging from the shadow, Stephen became his own man. His life was short, but he accomplished much in the time that was allotted to him.[15]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 7, 13, 15.

[2]"Hosmer Arrived with Hooker". *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.). []. p. 32. Photocopy of article sent by Mrs. Ruth Stafford. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 9.

[5]*Bushnell Family Genealogy: Ancestry and Posterity of FRANCIS BUSHNELL (1580-1646) of Horsham, England and Guilford, Connecticut Including Genealogical Notes of Other Bushnell Families, whose connections with this branch of the family tree have not been determined.* Compiled and written by George Eleazer Bushnell. Nashville, Tenn., 1945. pp. 33 [3-23], 34 [3-25]. Hereinafter cited as, *Bushnell Family Genealogy.*

[6]Gibbs. *Gibbs Family*. p. 80.

[8]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 14.

[10]*Memorial History of Hartford County*. p. 247.

[11]*The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, From August, 1689, to May, 1706* "Transcribed And Edited In Accordance With A Resolution Of The General Assembly, By Charles J. Hoadly, LL. D., State Librarian". IV. Hartford, Conn.: Press of The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1868. p. 32.

[12]Love. *Colonial History of Hartford*. p. 129.

[14]*Memorial History of Hartford County*. p. 247; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4.

THOMAS HOSMER
(1675/76 - 1731/32)

Thomas Hosmer was, apparently, named after his paternal grandfather.[1] Like his distinguished forebear, Thomas, the younger, had a natural aptitude for business.[2] According to his will, he owned a number of properties in Hartford, and he also had a share in a local "boalting mill".[3] Although he lived and worked in Hartford, Thomas' business interests were not confined to the town.[4] He had, for example, a share in the tract called, "the Western Lands", a large parcel belonging to the, "Proprietors of Hartford and Windsor".[5] In addition, he bought, in 1707, land in West Hartford.[6] His business instincts were good, and, from these various business ventures, he lived a comfortable life.[7] An inventory, taken on April 25, 1732, placed the value of his estate at £ 2,954, 14s., 11p.[8]

Thomas Hosmer was baptized in Hartford on Feb. 20, 1675/76.[9] He was the fourth child and eldest son of Stephen and Hannah (Bushnell) Hosmer.[10] Most of his life was spent in Hartford,[11] and it was here, on Dec. 14, 1700, that he married Ann Prentiss,[12] daughter of John Prentiss Jr., of New London, Conn.[13] and the great granddaughter of Valentine Prentiss, one of the early settlers of Roxbury, Mass.[14] By Ann, Thomas Hosmer had six children.[15]

It might come as a surprise to some, but New England, like the South, had the institution of slavery. Not to the same degree, to be sure, but, up to the 1780's, it did exist, unfettered and unrestricted.[16] Thomas Hosmer owned three black slaves. It is interesting to note that Thomas did not refer to them as his slaves. In his will, he listed them simply, as "my negro woman", and, "my negro boys".[17] Perhaps, these terms were more palatable to the Yankee mind. Nevertheless, this repugnant practice, by whatever name, stained and tarnished New England's reputation as a haven for free men and women.[18] In the eyes of the law, slaves were chattels that could be bought, sold, leased, rented, or transferred at the discretion of the owner.[19] In his will, dated Jan. 10, 1731/32, Thomas

Hosmer made the following provisions regarding his black slaves:

> I give unto my wife, Anne Hosmer ... my negro woman, to be at her own dispose forever. Likewise I give her one of my negro boys, viz., Ceaser, for her service so long as she remains my widow. If she marry, the boy I give to my son Stephen. I give to my eldest son Thomas Hosmer my negro boy named Hanniball[20]

In such a manner, Thomas passed on his human property.[21]

Like most of his neighbors, Thomas attended the Congregational Church. All of his children were baptized in the church,[22] and he took an active rôle in its maintenance. An example of his service is given below:

> PERSONS WHO WILL AID REV. TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE [in handwriting of Rev. Woodbridge]
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> A listing of Persons who have kindly promised me to Giue a days Carting To fetch home Timber for my House Jan^{r} Anno Dom̃: 1715/6
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> Mr. Thomas Hosmer[23]
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> ⋮

Judging from his military title, it appears that Thomas Hosmer was a member of his town's defense force. His rank of captain would also seem to indicate that he was not only a citizen soldier, but that he was probably one of the unit's leaders.

Like a faceted gem, there were many sides to the complex nature of Thomas Hosmer. He was, above all, a family man, but he was also a successful businessman, a church member, a slaveholder, and a military leader. He was, quite literally, the model colonial citizen.[24]

> Cap^{t} Thomas Hosmer departed this Life March 9th., 1731-2, at Night,] in the 57th Year of his age.[25]

[1]"Hosmer Arrived With Hooker". *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.) []. p. 32. Photocopy of article sent by Mrs. Ruth Stafford. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 11.

[2]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 7, 18, 21, 24.

[3]Will - Capt. Thomas Hosmer. January 10, 1731/32. [Probate Records, p. 178] in *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1729-1750.* Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. III. Hartford, Conn.: R. S. Peck & Co. Printers, 1906. pp. 69, 70. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 8, 17, 20.

[9]Lucius Barnes Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* Reprint. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1977. p. 321.

[10]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 4.

[12]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register.* Published Quarterly, Under the Patronage of the New England = Genealogical Society For the Year 1859. XIII (Apr., 1859), 143. Hereinafter cited as, *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.*

[13]C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family" in *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record: Devoted to the Interests of American Genealogy and Biography.* LII (Jan., 1921), 10. Hereinafter cited as, *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.*

[14]James Savage. *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England: Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May, 1692 on the Basis of Farmer's Register.* III. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1860. p. 480. Hereinafter cited as, *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.*

[15]See genealogical listing, generation "c".

[16]Ulrick B. Phillips. *American Negro Slavery: A Survey of the Supply, Employment and Control of Negro Labor As Determined by the Plantation Regime.* Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Louisiana State University, 1966. pp. 118-120. Hereinafter cited as, *American Negro Slavery.* In 1784, the Connecticut Assembly passed a law which provided that all children born of slave mothers were bound, from that time forward, to serve the mother's owner until the age of 25. After that, they were to be free. At a later date, the Connecticut legislature reduced the age of freedom to 21. Complete abolition did not come until 1840. (*Ibid.*, p. 120).

[19]*Ibid.*, Chapter XVIII: Economic Views of Slavery. p. 344 ff.

[22]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 322.

[23]*Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society.* Vol. XXI: *The Wyllys Papers: Correspondence and Documents Chiefly of Descendants of Governor Wyllys of Connecticut 1590-1796.* Hartford, Conn.: Published by the Society, 1924 [printed by the Hartford Printing Co. (Elihu Geer Sons)]. p. 388.

[25]*Records of the Town of Hartford, Ct.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XXIII (Jan., 1869), 43.

REV. STEPHEN HOSMER
(1679 - 1749)

Stephen Hosmer Jr. and his sister Hester were born in 1679. They have the distinction of being the first twins[1] born to the Hosmer family in America. Stephen Jr. also holds a special place in the history of the family in that he was the first to answer the calling.

Religion played an important part in the spiritual and psychological well-being of the Hosmer family. From the very beginning, the Hosmer family actively participated and supported the church.[2] Thomas Hosmer, the elder, was, for example, a full member of the church in both Massachusetts[3] and Connecticut.[4] His son Stephen shared his religious zeal, and became one of the deacons of Hartford's First Congregational Church.[5] In light of this family tradition of church involvement, it was not surprising that Stephen Jr. would consider making the ministry his life's work.

From an early age, Stephen Jr. took an interest in ecclesiastical matters. His father's participation in the direction of church affairs, no doubt, had a lasting influence on him. He was a diligent student, and, apparently, had little difficulty in meeting the requirements for college admission.[6] In 1699, Stephen Hosmer Jr. received his degree from Harvard College. On May 3, 1704, in the village of East Haddam, Connecticut, Stephen was ordained.[7] The place of ordination was clearly not by chance[8] as Rev. Hosmer became the first pastor of East Haddam's First Church of Christ.[9] He served the religious needs of the community until his death in 1749.

In addition to his clerical duties, Rev. Hosmer also had time to observe and contemplate the mysteries of nature. He had an active mind and possessed an insatiable curiosity.[10] Among the natural phenomena which particularly intrigued him were the earthquakes that plagued the East Haddam area. In a letter, addressed to Mr. Prince of Boston, dated Aug. 13, 1729, Rev. Hosmer wrote:

> As to the earthquakes, I have something considerable and awful to tell you. Earthquakes have been here, (and no where but in this precinct, as can be discerned; that is, they seem to have their centre, rise and origin among us,) as has been observed for more than thirty years. I have been informed, that in this place, before the English settlements, there were great numbers of Indian inhabitants, and that it was a place of extraordinary *Indian Pawaws*, or, in short, that it was a place where the Indians drove a prodigious trade at worshipping the devil. Also I was informed, that, many years past, an old Indian was asked, What was the reason of the noises in this place? To which he replied, that the Indian's God was very angry because Englishmen's God was come here.
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> Now whether there be any thing diabolical in these things, I know not; but this I know, that GOD ALMIGHTY is to be seen and trembled at, in what has been often heard among us. Whether it be fire or air distressed in the subterraneous caverns of the earth, cannot be known; for there is no eruption, no explosion perceptible, but by sounds and tremors, which sometimes are very fearful and dreadful. I have myself heard eight or ten sounds successively, and imitating small arms, in the space of five minutes. I have, I suppose, heard several hundreds of them within twenty years; some more, some less terrible. Sometimes we have heard them almost every day, and great numbers of them in the space of a year. Often times I have observed them to be coming down from the north, imitating slow thunder, until the sound came near or right under, and then there seemed to be a breaking like the noise of a cannon shot, or severe thunder, which shakes the houses, and all that is in them. They have in a manner ceased, since the great earthquake. As I remember, there have been but two heard since that time, and those but moderate.[11]

Of Rev. Hosmer's personal life, we know very little.[12] He married Sarah Long on Sept. 29, 1702,[13] approximately three years after his graduation from Harvard.[14] By her, Stephen had five children -- two girls and three boys.[15] It is interesting to note that Sarah died only three months after her husband.[16] Apparently, the loss of her spouse drained her both emotionally and physically.[17] They were interred, side by side, in East Haddam's Cove Cemetery.[18] The historian John Warner Barber reported, in 1836, that the cemetery was no longer in use, and that a large number of trees had grown up among the mountains, "giving the place a

very unusual and gloomy aspect." From Rev. Hosmer's moss covered tombstone, Mr. Barber copied the following inscription:

> Under this tomb stone lyeth interr'd the body of the Rev. Stephen Hosmer, the first pastor of the First Church of Christ in East Haddam, who departed this life the 18th day of June, A.D. 1749, and in the 70th year of his age. And at his right hand lyeth Mrs. Sarah Hosmer, his beloved consort, who departed this life Sept. ye 30th, A.D. 1749, and in the 67th year of her age.
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> *Sweet souls, we leave you to your rest;*
> *Enjoy your Jesus and your God,*
> *Till we from bands of clay releas'd,*
> *Spring out and climb the shinning road.*[19]

[1] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4.

[2] The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 8, 10, 12, 17.

[3] *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England*. I. p. 370. Thomas had to be a member of the church, since he was a freeman.

[4] Love. *Colonial History of Hartford*. p. 33.

[5] "Hosmer Arrived With Hooker". *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.). []. Photocopy of article sent by Mrs. Ruth Stafford.

[7] Frederick Lewis Weis. *The Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England*. Lancaster, Mass.: Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, 1936. p. 111. Hereinafter cited as, *The Colonial Clergy*. Same citation for footnote: 14.

[9] Barber. *Connecticut Historical Collections*. p. 527. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 19. -- According to another source, Rev. Stephen Hosmer was, "the First Pastor of the Holy Church of Christ in East Haddam". ("Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX [Oct., 1926], 417).

[11] Benjamin Trumbull. *A Complete History of Connecticut, Civil and Ecclesiastical: From the Emigration of the First Planters, from England, in the Year 1630, to the Year 1764; and to the Close of the Indian Wars*. II. New London, Conn.: H. D. Utley, 1898. pp. 65, 66.

[13] *First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43.

[15] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8.

[18] "Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 417. -- Concerning this cemetery, John Warner Barber wrote: "Upwards of a mile north of the Landing, is the ancient burying ground, which is situated about 40 rods south easterly from Salmon river." (Barber. *Connecticut Historical Collections*. p. 527).

STEPHEN HOSMER
(1704 - 1758)

If the achievements of a man's children are any measure of a person's worth, as an individual and as a parent, then Capt. Stephen Hosmer was a rich man indeed.[1] Father of 13 children[2], Capt. Hosmer counted among his large brood, a future signer of the Articles of Confederation[3], a prominent physician and judge[4], a Connecticut infantry officer[5], and a Revolutionary War hero.[6] To this list must also be added several daughters who married well. Apparently, Capt. Hosmer instilled in his children, at an early age, a sense of duty and dedication to purpose. That so many of his children achieved success is, without question, a reflection of his guidance and strength of character.[7]

Stephen Hosmer, son of Capt. Thomas and Ann (Prentiss) Hosmer was born on Jan. 6, 1704.[8] Of his early years, nothing is known.[9] Records indicate that on June 18, 1730, Stephen married Deliverance Graves, daughter of Thomas Graves.[10] They lived in the Hartford area, and documents show that their children were born there.[11] Unfortunately, the nature of his occupation is unknown. About the only thing which has survived the years is that he served as an officer in the French and Indian War.[12] In 1755, he commanded a garrison at Pantusich, a small settlement, located approximately 30 miles north of Canaan, Connecticut. He served in this capacity until Sept. 8, 1755.[13] A letter from Roger Wolcott to the Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives reported, in some detail, on Capt. Hosmer's assignment. The following is an excerpt from Mr. Wolcott's letter:

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> Last February the Councill for the War were informed that the Inhabitants of Stockbridge and Pontoosuke were like to draw off unless suported and aplycation was made to the Councill for support from Conecticutt
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> To prevent this the Councill sent up Cap^t Hossmer with 65 men with Instructions to Guard the people scout and assist the Inhabitants in building forts and to take Brigadier Dwights Direction for the place where to dwell

When Capt Hossmer came to Pantoosuke the Inhabitants were mainly Drawn of and the rest resolved to follow but the Councill knew nothing of this and upon Brigadier Dwights direction the Capt proceeded to build a fort at Pantoosuk in which there is no Dwelling house

The Inhabitants are all Drawn of but two who live in the fort under pay from Conecticutt the fort is Called fort Conecticutt and a Garasson of sixteen men are Constantly kept there

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R. WOLCOTT [14]

Capt. Stephen Hosmer died in 1758. While only 54 years old at the time of his passing[15], Capt. Hosmer accomplished much in the time allotted him. Hard work and perseverance were two qualities which set him apart in life and which survived him in death. The extraordinary accomplishments of his children and grandchildren illustrate how well he fulfilled his role as parent and teacher.[16]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 9, 16.

[2]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 9; Gibbs. *Gibbs Family*. 1933. p. 80.

[3]Articles of Confederation [document]. A National Archives Facsimile. See biography on Titus Hosmer.

[4]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 23. See biography on Timothy Hosmer.

[5]Gibbs. *Gibbs Family*. 1933. p. 80. Prentice Hosmer was a lieutenant of the 3rd Regiment of the Connecticut Continental Infantry. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]J. Smith. *Livingston County*. 1881. p. 429. See biography on Graves Hosmer.

[8]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 5.

[10]*Ibid.*, p. 9.

[11]"Records of the Town of Hartford, Ct." Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXIII (Jan., 1869). 46.

[12]Gibbs. *Gibbs Family*. 1933. p. 80.

[13]*Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. Vol. IX: *Rolls of Connecticut Men in the French and Indian Wars, 1755-1762* [Vol. I. 1755-1757]. Hartford, Conn.: Published by the Society, 1903. p. 86.

[14]*Ibid.* Vol. XVII: *The Fitch Papers: Correspondence and Documents During Thomas Fitch's Governorship of the Colony 1754-1766* [Vol. I]. 1918. pp. 134, 135.

[15]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 22.

TITUS HOSMER
(1736 - 1780)
A REAL CONNECTICUT YANKEE

He was a man of stature in an age of giants. This sentiment has frequently been used in describing the Founding Fathers, but its use in respect to Titus Hosmer is especially appropriate.[1] As one of the forty-eight signers of the "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union", he was instrumental in the establishment of the first national government for the independent "United States of America".[2] If that was his only achievement, his place in American history would be assured, but his varied talents and numerous interests left their mark in many fields.[3] Endowed with an engaging personality, incredible energy, and undying patriotism, he helped to forge, in his brief 44 years, part of the superstructure that our country rests on today.[4]

Titus Hosmer was held in high esteem throughout his home state of Connecticut. In 1779, his name was even bandied about as a possible candidate for the governorship.[5] It is little wonder then that the prominent educator, lexicographer, and fellow "Nutmegger", Noah Webster, chose to refer to him as one of the three "mighties" of Connecticut [the other two being, Oliver Ellsworth, the third Chief Justice of the United States, and William Samuel Johnson, the first president of Columbia College].[6] There is little doubt, in my mind, that if death had not intervened, Titus Hosmer would have been appointed to the Constitutional Convention in 1787.[7] Two of Webster's "mighties" were, in fact, appointed to represent Connecticut at the Convention -- William Samuel Johnson and Oliver Ellsworth.[8]

Stephen and Deliverance (Graves) Hosmer were already the parents of three children -- 1 boy and 2 girls[9] -- when Titus was born in 1736. He was born in the village of West Hartford,[10] not far from the Connecticut River and the colonial capital.[11] His early education apparently proceeded quite well, and he was accepted by Yale College. A diligent student, he graduated in 1757 with a Berkeley scholarship.[12]

In 1758, Titus accepted his first real "position", that of preceptor of the Hartford Grammer School. This position probably paid very little, but it was enough to maintain a bachelor. His duties were not oppressive, and because of this, he was able to continue his law studies which he had begun the previous year. He stayed with the Grammer School two years, resigning his post in 1760, so he could embark on his new career - The Law.

Having passed the bar in 1760, Titus moved to Middletown, Connecticut where he began the practice of law.[13] His knowledge of the law, as well as, his talents for clear thinking and persuasive argument were not to be lost on the residents of this small Yankee town. His practice grew and so did his popularity and standing in the community.[14]

As a lawyer, Titus had many opportunities to demonstrate his legal skills. The following examples, drawn from the records of the period, give some indication as to the nature of his practice.[15]

BILL OF SALE OF A SLAVE

Joseph Stocking sells to George Wylls
the Negro woman, Silvia (age 23),
Bill of Sale witnessed by

Jn^{o} Smith
Titus Hosmer Sept 2, 1777[16]

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Notice to creditors of meeting of trustees
- of estate of Thomas Burr - 'creditors
are to bring proof of their claims'

JOHN KEITH)
WILLIAM TILEY) TRUSTEES[17]
TITUS HOSMER)

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TO BE SOLD
AT THE HOUSE OF NA
thaniel Porter in East Windsor, at public
Vendue or Private Sale on the 3d Tuesday of
November next, six Pieces of Land in the
occupation of Thomas Elmer, Ten Acres of
good Meadow, Ten Acres best-upland per- [past-?]
tare [ture ?] near the Po[st] Road and the Re []
large Tracts of well wooded and timbered
Out Land. Also four hundred Acres of []
lying on Mankerodfes [← ?] Brook in [East ?]
Windsor on which a good Sawmill for -

merly erected. Also to be sold a Farm, of one hundred Acres and the third Part of a good Grill [Griss ?] Mill in Hebron to the profit [] of Joseph Skinner. For terms apply to Titus Hosmer.[18]

Admired and respected, positions of public trust were now within his grasp. Whether he actively sought political participation or was thrust into that arena by his friends is unclear. We do know, however, that his rise was swift and the offices he held came in rapid succession.[19]

In the period 1761-1773, Titus Hosmer served in a number of town offices including justice of the peace.[20] In October 1773, he was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly, a position he was to hold continuously, by virtue of re-election, until May 1778.[21] In 1776 and again in 1778, he was Speaker of the state house of representatives.[22] In that position, he supported and sponsored vigorous action against England.[23] His emergence onto the national scene came in 1775 when he was selected to represent Connecticut in the Continental Congress. He served on that august body from 1775 to 1776 [as an alternate] and from 1777 to 1779 [as a full member].[24] On Nov. 25, 1777, the newspaper, *Connecticut Courant* reported:

The HON. HENRY LAWRENS, a member From South Carolina, is appointed Preſident of the Hon. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, in the Room of the Hon. John Hancock, Eſq.:

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The Delegates for the Continental Congreſs for the Year enſuing, are the Honourable Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Titus Hoſmer, Oliver Ellſworth, and Andrew Adams, Eſquires.[25]

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In addition to his services in the Connecticut legislature and the Continental Congress, Titus also held a seat on his state's Committee of Safety in 1776 and 1777.[26] With General Samuel Holden Parsons, Titus helped to plan the assault on Ticonderoga.[27]

Titus' vigorous support of the war effort went beyond simple public pronouncements. As early as 1775, he served on a legislative committee which searched the local hills for sulphur, a resource of considerable military value. On another committee, he helped to organize efforts to work and refine lead

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ore from a Middletown mine.[28] His support came in other areas as well. According to naval records, on Nov. 27, 1776, the Connecticut sloop *Lyon* was given a letter of marque. Titus Hosmer of Middletown was listed as one of the three bonders of that vessel.[29]

On July 9, 1780, Titus Hosmer along with the delegates from eight states, including such notables as John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Gouverneur Morris, and Richard Henry Lee, met in Philadelphia and signed the "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union". This document was to serve eight years as the basis of our national government.[30]

The affairs of Connecticut, never far from his mind, again drew his attention, and in May 1778, having just completed a term in the General Assembly, was elected an Assistant in the Connecticut State Legislature. He was re-elected to that position annually until his death.[31] Titus Hosmer's last official office came in 1780. An act of Congress of that year created, The United States Maritime Court of Appeals. Titus Hosmer was selected as one of the three judges to sit on that court. Unfortunately, he was never able to assume his post as he died early in August 1780.[32]

In 1775, the Continental Congress considered moving its deliberations closer to the war front -- possibly into Hosmer's home state of Connecticut. Fortunately, for the Congress and the Nation, there was a dissenting opinion. Titus Hosmer wrote the following to Congress:

> I fear, were you near us you would have too many questions referred to you, and too much business cast upon you by the New England Colonies, to leave you the leisure you ought to have to digest and perfect matters of greater importance.

Titus' simple logic and knowledge of human nature apparently swayed the Congress. No further action on the proposal materialized.[33]

Duty and responsibility were two words that meant a great deal to Titus Hosmer. To him, public service was a commitment to the community, a trust to be upheld.[34] It is not surprising, therefore, that Titus Hosmer expressed his extreme disappointment over some of his fellow delegates to the Continental Congress who wasted the public's time. In a letter to Connecticut Governor Trumbull, Titus wrote:

> The idleness and captiousness of some gentlemen, maugre the wishes and endeavors of an honest and industrious majority, in my apprehension, threaten the worst consequences Nine States make a Congress, some States have delegates so very negligent, so much immersed in the pursuit of pleasure or business, that it is very rare we can make a Congress before near eleven o'clock ... and those who occasion the delay are callous to admonition and reproof When we are assembled several gentlemen have such a knack at starting questions of order, raising debates upon critical, captious, and trifling amendments, protracting them by long speeches, by postponing, calling for the previous question, and other arts that ... precious time is lost, and the public business left undone.[35]

Titus Hosmer was more than a man preoccupied with the intricacies of the law or the realities of politics. He was a man of intellect and refinement. His home in Middletown contained a fine library of over 200 volumes.[36] His interests were wide. They ranged from universal history, of which he had extensive knowledge, to poetry and national law.[37] Titus Hosmer also had a fine command of the sciences and excelled in the languages.[38]

One of Titus' great pleasures in life was enlightened conversation, a pastime he devoted many hours. His home was frequented by men of learning and culture who shared Hosmer's fascination for stimulating discourse.[39] One of these men was the famed poet, Joel Barlow. Mr. Barlow credited Titus Hosmer as the one who had encouraged him to write his first published poem, the epic, *Vision of Columbus*. Upon Hosmer's death, Barlow wrote a beautiful poem in remembrance of his friend and benefactor -- a fitting tribute to a man who loved language and poetry as much as he did.

> Come to my soul, O shade of Hosmer, come,
> Tho' doubting senates ask they aid in vain;
> Attend the drooping virtues round thy tomb,
> And hear awhile the orphan'd muse complain.
>
> The man which thy indulgence bade aspire,
> And dare pursue thy distant steps to fame,
> At thy command she first assumed the lyre,
> And hop'd a future laurel from thy name.
>
> How did thy smiles awake her infant song!
> How did thy virtues animate the lay!
> Still shall thy fate the dying strain prolong,
> And bear her voice with thy lost form away.[40]

Unfortunately, no portrait of Titus Hosmer exists,[41] but from those who knew him, we have some idea of his appearance. Physically, he was taller than most. His face mirrored the complexity of his personality -- full of emotion, feeling, and meaning. Emotionally, he was a man of intense feeling. His anger, rage, devotion, or affection could be aroused at a moment's notice, and yet, he never allowed these passions to overtake him. He was always in control, his bearing always correct, his passions always in check.[42]

In the course of his professional and political career, Titus Hosmer came into contact with some of the country's most prominent, influential, colorful, and -- alas -- infamous citizens. Major General Benedict Arnold was among this latter category. To illustrate Hosmer's involvement with Arnold, a little historical background is required. The Connecticut legislature voted an allowance for all Connecticut officers and men to compensate them for the depreciation of the currency. This compensation was to be in the form of State Treasury notes, later to be redeemed. Arnold had hoped to convert these into cash by taking a discount on them.

On July 8, 1780, Arnold wrote Hosmer inquiring if he would represent him in this matter. In the same letter, Arnold also mentioned the possibility that he might take command of West Point. Carl Van Doren, in his book, *The Secret History of the American Revolution*, offered an interesting theory on this point. Van Doren speculated that Arnold had already begun to make plans for the surrender of West Point to the British, and that his business with Titus Hosmer was but one of a series of moves calculated to secure cash quickly. This cash would be needed for his life in exile.

The second week in July 1780, Arnold went to Hartford. The Connecticut Assembly was then in session, and Titus Hosmer, a member of that body, was in attendance. Arnold had several reasons for coming to Hartford. One of these was to have his accounts checked and the amount of depreciation compensation due him determined. His stay in Hartford was too brief to accomplish this task, so he engaged his "friend" Titus Hosmer to settle the matter for him. He also paid Titus a fee of $1,000 to further the cause of the Connecticut captors of the British sloop *Active*.[43] Arnold's interest in the *Active* case was purely financial. By championing their cause, Arnold hoped to share handsomely in the captors' reward.[44] Titus Hosmer's unexpected death, the first week in August 1780, dashed whatever hopes Arnold might have had for

quick settlement of his various legal dilemmas.[45] Knowing Hosmer's vehement anti-British sentiment and his high moral code, one can only conclude that he was completely unaware of Arnold's devious machinations. Hosmer was but an unwitting tool of this unprincipled man.[46]

The vibrant life of Titus Hosmer came to an end suddenly on Aug. 4, 1780. He succumbed to fever.[47] If the old saying, "cut down in one's prime", ever applied to a single person that person must assuredly have been Titus Hosmer, for he was figuratively "cut down" at the very height of his power, influence, and prestige.

In examining the life of Titus Hosmer, one is struck by the complexity of the man, the sheer number of positions of trust he held, and the achievements he accomplished in his brief 44 years.[48] Of him, the historian John Warner Barber wrote in 1836: "He [Titus Hosmer] was one of the most distinguished scholars, lawyers, and statesmen which Connecticut has produced".[49] One wonders what monumental contributions Titus Hosmer could have made had his life been extended to the Biblical three score and ten? We will never know. That which he left behind, however, is mute testimony to the greatness of the man.[50] The newspaper *Connecticut Courant*, perhaps, best summarized the feelings of the citizens of Connecticut when it ran the following notice:

> HARTFORD, August 8,
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> Last Friday evening, died of a fever, at Middletown, at the forty fourth year of his age, TITUS HOSMER, Eſq. a Member of the Hon. Council of this State. It is hoped, that ſome able hand will draw the character of this GREAT AND GOOD MAN as nearly, as may be, like the original, that the world may not looſe ſo bright an example of exalted merit.[51]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 11, 15, 19, 34, 41, 46, 48, 50.

[2]Articles of Confederation. [document]. A National Archives Facsimile.

[3][Lawrence H. Schmehl]. "Titus Hosmer," *Dictionary of American Biography*. Edited by Dumas Malone. V. Part I. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1961. p. 245. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 20, 36.

[4]David D. Field. *Centennial Address: With Historical Sketches of Cromwell, Portland, Chatham, Middle-Haddam, Middletown and its Parishes*. Middletown, Conn.: William B. Casey, 1853. p. 98. Same citation for footnotes: 23, 39, 42. Hereinafter cited as, *Centennial Address*.

[5]"Hosmer Arrived With Hooker". *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.) []. p. 32. Photocopy of article sent by Mrs. Ruth Stafford. Same citation for footnote: 28.

[6]Field. *Centennial Address*. p. 99.

[8]Broadus Mitchell and Louise Pearson Mitchell. *A Biography of the Constitution of the United States: Its Origin, Formation, Adoption, Interpretation*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1964. pp. 23, 24, 61, 62, 364.

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[16]*Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. Vol. XXI: *The Wyllys Papers: ...* p. 456.

[17]*Connecticut Courant* (Hartford, Conn.), Mar. 31, 1766, p. 2; also, *Connecticut Courant*, Apr. 14, 1766, p. 4.

[18]*Connecticut Courant* (Hartford, Conn.), Dec. 11, 1769, p. 4, col. 3; also, *Connecticut Courant*, Dec. 18, 1769, p. 4, col. 3.

[21]Field. *Centennial Address*. p. 97. Same citation for footnote: 40.

[25]*Connecticut Courant* (Hartford, Conn.), Nov. 25, 1777. Number 670. p. 2, col. 1. A Readex Microprint. Card 54 (Nov. 4, 1777 - Jan. 20, 1778). Worchester, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society, 1969.

[27]Charles M. Lyman. "Stephen Titus Hosmer". *Connecticut Bar Journal*. XX (Apr., 1946), p. 129.

[29]*Naval Records of the American Revolution 1775-1788*. Prepared from the Originals in the Library of Congress by Charles Henry Lincoln of the Division of Manuscripts. Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1906. p. 380. The *Lyon* had 10 guns and a crew of 80. Its master was Timothy Shaler. *(Ibid.)*.

[30]Articles of Confederation. [document]. A National Archives Facsimile. AND, Edmund Cody Burnett. *The Continental Congress*. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1941. p. 344. Delegates from eight states [Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Virginia, and Rhode Island] signed the document on July 9, 1778. *(Ibid.)*.

[31]Field. *Centennial Address*. pp. 97, 98.

[32]*Ibid.*, p. 98. The three judges that were chosen were: George Wythe of Virginia, William Paca of Maryland, and Titus Hosmer of Connecticut. *(Ibid.)*.

[33]Burnett. *The Continental Congress*, 1941. p. 70.

[35]Roger Smith. *A New Age Now Begins: A People's History of*

the American Revolution. I. New York: Mc Graw-Hill Book Company, 1976. pp. 841, 842.

[37]Field. *Centennial Address*. pp. 97, 99.

[38]*Ibid.*, pp. 96, 97.

[43]Carl Van Doren. *Secret History of the American Revolution*. New York: Popular Library, 1969. pp. 267-269.

[44]*Ibid.*, p. 176.

[45]*Ibid.*, p. 292. Following the death of Titus Hosmer, Arnold engaged the services of Caleb Bull. *(Ibid.)*.

[47]*Connecticut Courant* (Hartford, Conn.), Aug. 8, 1780. Number 811. p. 3, col. 2. A Readex Microprint. Card 64 (July 18, 1780 - Oct. 24, 1780). Same citation for footnote: 51.

[49]Barber. *Connecticut Historical Collections*. p. 39.



TITUS HOSMER
Appointed To The Committee of Safety

This Assembly do appoint the Hon^{ble} Mathew Griswold, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Williams, and Richard Law, Esq^{rs}, Messrs. Titus Hosmer, Benjamin Huntington, Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin, and Mr. William Hillhouse and Nathanial Wales Jun^{r}, to be a Council or Committee of Safety, to assist his Honor the Governor when the Assembly is not sitting; with full power and authority to order and direct the militia and navy of this Colony, and the marches and stations of the troops that have been or shall be inlisted and assembled for the special defence of this or the neighbouring Colonies, or any part or parts thereof, as they shall judge necessary, and to give all necessary orders from time to time for furnishing and supplying said militia, troops, and navy, in every respect and to every purpose that may be needful, to render the defence of these Colonies effectual, with full power and authority to fulfill and execute every trust already reposed or shall be reposed by this Assembly in his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety aforesaid. And that this Assembly do expect and desire his Honor the Governor to notify and convene the whole of said Council on all important occasions and business which may be before them: but where the necessity and safety of the public may require greater dispatch that can consist with the notice and attendance of the whole, and on smaller matters, his Honor the Governor at his discretion may convene a smaller number not less than five, to be a quorum, to act with him in the matters and business as aforesaid.

SOURCE: *The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, From May, 1775, to June, 1776, inclusive* "Transcribed And Edited In Accordance With A Resolution Of The General Assembly, By Charles J. Hoadly, LL. D., State Librarian". XV. Hartford, Conn.: Press of The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1890. p. 315.

FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE COLONY OF CONNECTICUT,

November 3, A. Dom. 1774.

This House proceeded to nominate, choose, and appoint Delegates to] attend the General Congress, to be holden at Philadelphia, on the 10th] day of May next; and made Choice of the Hon[ora]ble Eliphalet Dyer, and Roger Sherman, Esquires, Silas Deane, Titus Hosmer, and Jonathan Sturgess, Esqrs. to be their Delegates, any Three of Whom are authorized and empowered to attend said Congress, in behalf of this Colony, to join, consult and advise with the Delegates of the other Colonies in British America, on proper Measures for advancing the best Good of the Colonies.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Speaker.*

A true Copy, extracted from the Journals of the House.

Attested, RICHARD LAW, *Clerk.*

SOURCE: *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789.* Edited from the Original Records in the Library of Congress by Worthington Chauncy Ford, Chief, Division of Manuscripts. II. 1775 May 10 - September 20. Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1905. p. 15.

FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1776

The colony of Connecticut having appointed new delegates, and the same attending, produced the credentials of their appointment, which was read as follows:

At a general Assembly of the Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut, in New England, in America, holden at New Haven, (in said Colony,) on the second Thursday of October, Anno Domini, 1775.

Resolved, By this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Titus Hosmer, and William Williams, Esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this Colony at the General Congress of the United Colonies in America, for the Year ensuing, and untill new be Chosen; that is to say, the said Roger] Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, and Samuel Huntington, Esqrs. do attend said Congress, and on the failure of either of the said Gentlemen, by] sickness, or otherwise, then the said Titus Hosmer, or William Williams, Esqrs. are to supply the place or places of any or either of] the said three Gentlemen first named, in such manner, that three of said Delegates, and three only, do attend said Congress at any one Time; and the said three Delegates, or any or either of them, who shall be present in said Congress, are hereby fully Authorized and Impowered to Represent this Colony in said Congress, to Consult, advise, and Resolve upon Measures necessary to be taken and pursued] for the Defence, Security and preservation of the Rights and Liberties of the said United Colonies, and for their common safety; and of] such their proceedings and Resolves they do transmit Authentic Copies, from Time to Time, to the General Assembly of this Colony. That the said Delegates now appointed to repair to, and take their Seats in said Congress, by the first Day of January next, in Case said] Congress shall be then sitting, or as soon after as said Congress shall] be Convened; and that the said Gentlemen, who are now attending said Congress in behalf of this Colony, do continue in their said Office] untill the Gentlemen now Chosen, and are directed to attend in man-]

ner aforesaid, shall arrive at said Congress.

A true Copy of Record,

Examined by GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secretary*.

SOURCE: *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1778.* Edited from the Original Records in the Library of Congress by Worthington Chauncy Ford, Chief, Division of Manuscripts. IV. 1776 January 1 - June 4. Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1906. pp. 57, 58.

FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

The following resolution of the Connecticut Assembly was read to the Congress in February 1778. Titus Hosmer took his seat on Tuesday, June 23, 1778.

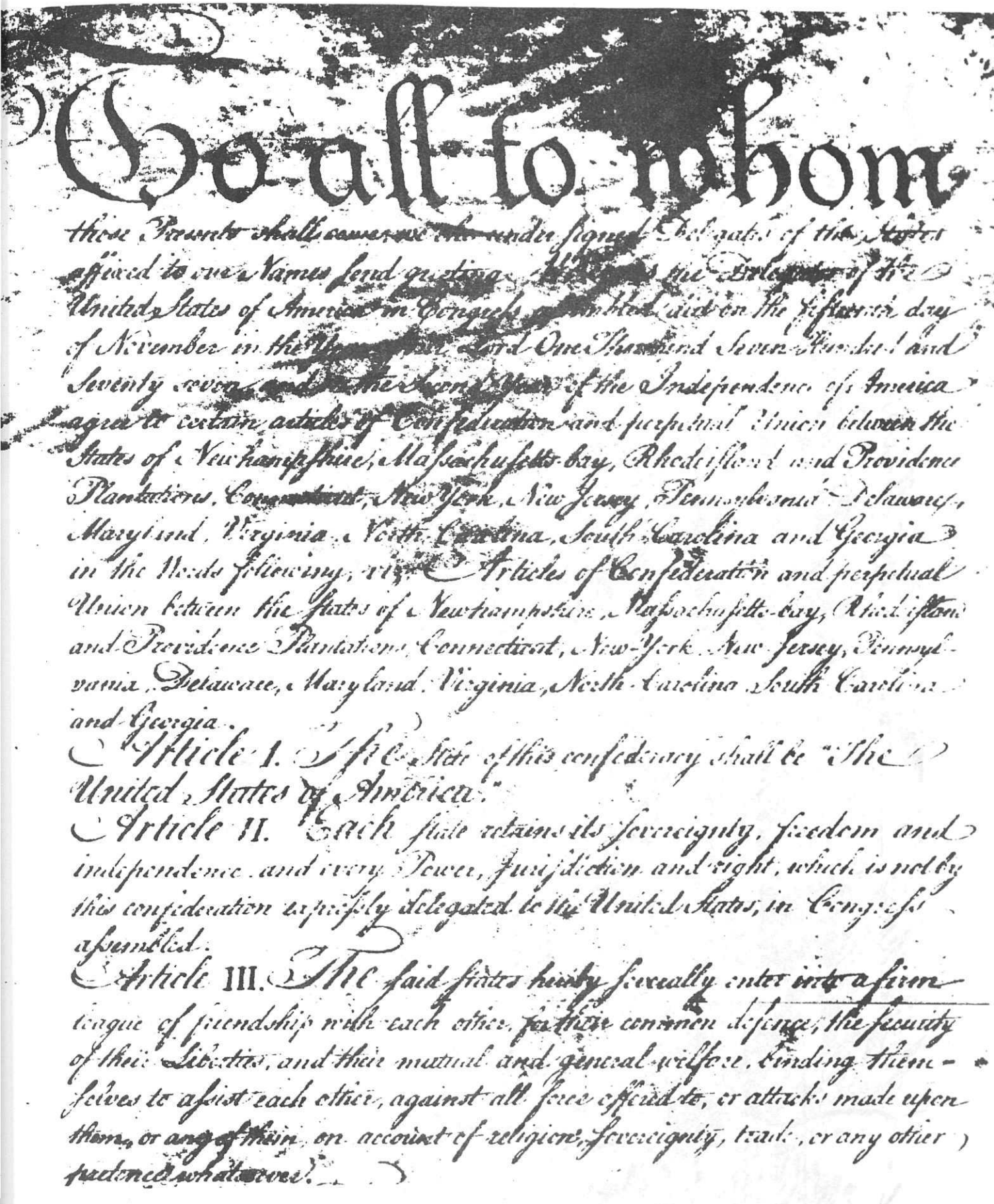
Resolved, by this assembly, That Roger Sherman, Eliphalet Dyer, Samuel Huntington, Oliver Wolcott, Titus Hosmer, Oliver Ellsworth, and Andrew Adams, esqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed delegates to represent this state at the general Congress of the United States of America, for the year ensuing, and until new be chosen and] arrive in Congress, if sitting; and one or more of them who shall be] present in said Congress are hereby fully authorized and empowered to represent this state in said Congress, to counsel, and advise, and] resolve upon measures necessary to be taken and pursued for the defence, security and preservation of the rights and liberties of the] said United States, and for their common safety; and of such their proceedings and resolves they do transmit authentic copies, from time] to time, to the general assembly of the state.

A true copy of the record, examined by

GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secretary*.

SOURCE: *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789.* Edited from the Original Records in the Library of Congress by Worthington Chauncy Ford, Chief, Division of Manuscripts. X. 1778 January 1 - May 1. Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1908. p. 171.

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION



To all to whom these Presents shall come we the undersigned Delegates of the States affixed to our Names send greeting. Whereas the Delegates of the United States of America in Congress assembled did on the fifteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy seven and in the Second Year of the Independence of America agree to certain articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the States of New-hampshire, Massachusetts-bay, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia in the Words following, viz. "Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union between the States of New-hampshire, Massachusetts-bay, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina and Georgia.

"Article I. The Stile of this confederacy shall be "The United States of America."

Article II. Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence, and every Power, Jurisdiction and right, which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress assembled.

Article III. The said states hereby severally enter into a firm league of friendship with each other, for their common defence, the security of their Liberties, and their mutual and general welfare, binding themselves to assist each other, against all force offered to, or attacks made upon them, or any of them, on account of religion, sovereignty, trade, or any other pretence whatever."

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LETTER
TITUS HOSMER
To
ROGER SHERMAN (or) OLIVER ELLSWORTH

[Philadelphia, August 16, 1778]

... As I hope you are determined and preparing to come here as soon as possible will you give me leave to introduce you to Congress, & attempt to give you an imperfect Idea of the Course of Business in Congress and in the several Subdivions of Congress. We meet at nine & continue sitting till two in the afternoon. after prayers the States are called. nine are a quorum to proceed on Business. the public Letters are first read & disposed off. next Reports from the Treasury & then Reports from the Board of War. these matters by a standard Order must be gone thro' before any other Business can be moved. for the R[]points are started, debated, and determined in nearly the same manner as in [] Assembly, saving that much Time is spent, too much I think in all Conscience debating points of Order, they are referred to the House, and the Decision does not seem to depend on any fixed or known Rules, but the present Opinion of what is decent & proper in the Case before us, which gives much the same, indeed a greater Latitude that in debating points of Common Law in our Courts.

Besides the General Business which is originated & discussed in Congress, the House is subdivided into standing Committees or Boards each of which is to pay their Attention to some one Capital Branch, give Orders in the Executive part, and report to Congress where its Aid is wanted to regulate and enforce. These are as follows

1. a Board of Treasury. this should consist of one Member from a State. five are a Quorum. they Superintend the finances, consider in the first Instance all applications for money, & Report what is to be advanced regulate the Striking of Bills, give their Opinion when Emissions are necessary, & prepare draughts of Resolves for that purpose, consult of & propose ways and means for raising Money, propose Regulations to prevent Counterfeiting, Depreciation of or to Appreciate the Currency they examine Claims, adjust Accounts & in general do every thing in this Branch. they are assisted by an Auditor General & Commissioner of Claims, ——— the Auditor keeps Accounts & the Comm'r examine the particular Articles correct over-charges, reject improper ones & State Balances. all sums to be granted in Advance, on Account or for Ballances due are reported to Congress, granted by them, & drawn for by warrant under the Hand of the president.

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2. a board of War, formerly consisting of Members of Congress, now of Commissioners chosen at large, assisted by some Members. the Objects of their Duty is particularly enumerated in the Resolve for Constituting & impowering them which I trust you have Seen. it extends to the superintending the Departments of the Commissary Gen.. Quartermaster Gen. Clothier Gen. Adjutant General, Commissary General of Ordnance & Military stores planning Expeditions & in short every thing almost that related to the Army or Military Operations.

3. Marine Comittee. this board considers of Rules and Regulations for well governing the Navy, the number of Ships & other Vessells to be built, superintend & direct the Building and employing them, examines into all mismanagement of Officers, directs Enquiries & Trials furnishes Transports & in short exercises the Office of Lord high Admiral with more extensive Powers than any Britishoner ever had & are only checked by the Necessity of obtain'g the sanction of Congress to their rules and Regulations which however in general is given of Course, as few Gentlemen have ability or Leisure to Canvass [?] their measures. this Observation may indeed be extended to all the other Committees General as well as the marine Comittee

4. a Commercial Comittee. all the Commercial Business of Congress is under their Direction & is you will find a very extensive & perplexed branch of Business

5. a Committee of Foreign Affairs. they Correspond with our Ministers at Foreign Courts, with Agents in Europe and with all such Gentlemen of Character in foreign parts as are disposed to give us Intelligence. they prepare Instructions for Ministers & propose proper Courts or States to send embassys to.

6. the Committee of Foreign Applications. they are Gentlemen acquainted with the French or other European Languages, and receive Applications from foreign officers, proposals, Schemes, & projects from a Shoal of Europeans who wish to fish for Wealth or Honour in our trouble Waters

7. a Medical Committee, who superintend the medical Department in the Army, & are consulted by & direct the Director General

These Committees proceed in general upon the present State of Information & decide upon the Circumstances of each particular Case without any general or established Rules, at least if they have such Rules I have not been able to find them. some of them are Temporary & will end with the War, others are in their Nature permanent. these last it is an object with Congress, when they can find Time to put into Commission & critically to limit, define & regulate their Jurisdiction.

SOURCE: "Notes and Documents: Government Under the Continental Congress". *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. LX. (Jan. 1936), 72-74.

LETTER

SILAS DEANE TO TITUS HOSMER

Passy, near Paris, Sept. 1st, 1780.

DEAR SIR, — I have written a long letter to our mutual friend Mr. Mumford, which he will shew you. I have attentively examined the state of affairs in Europe since my arrival, and reviewed our past as well as present situation, and weighed the probability of what our future must be; and the result of the whole with me is that our affairs have never been in a more critical state than at this moment, and that nothing but a speedy peace can prevent the most ruinous consequences. Spain does not appear disposed to acknowledge our independence, or to take any part with us. In alliance with France they have come into the war, and will continue it as long as the latter shall choose; but hitherto they have been of very little, I may say of no actual service, further than what credit their name has given to the war. France has, by the bold economical regulations of Mr. Necker, supported the war without one shilling additional expence to the Kingdom, and will continue to do so, for some time at least, so that they will not begin to borrow, or lay new impositions, untill England must have contracted an immense debt; what they are already burthened with exceeds any thing ever known or heard of in the history of the world, and, what is more astonishing, they still support their credit and raise money without any apparent difficulty. In a word, the war is now become, on the part of France, a war of finance and credit, and not of decisive measures and hardy enterprize; this, of course, tends to continue the war for several years to come, and to prevent our receiving any effectual supplies in money from France, whilst our credit being ruined we cannot obtain any from any other quarter. Admiral Graves being superior in force to Mr. Ternay, it is easy to form a judgment in general of the issue of this campaign on the continent, and to foresee that nothing decisive will happen with you any more than with us, and that we must turn over another leaf of the chapter of accidents unless a peace can be effected in the winter coming. The British fleet has been at sea, and on the coasts of France and Spain, until lately; have greatly distressed the trade of this kingdom; they are now in port, and the equinox approaching, there is no probability of any thing further this season. The public attention is fixed on the proposed armed neutrality, and many form the most sanguine hopes from it. I confess I am very doubtful, first, whither the confederation proposed

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among the neutral powers will take place, and, next, as to the effects of it on the present contest. It is true that a formidable Russian fleet, that is for number, is now in the Downs. But if Russia was really disposed to act an unfriendly part tow'rds England, would she at once put her whole naval force (which is the case) into the power of the latter? When I reflect further, that celebrated as this Empress is by the panegyrists of the day, that she has on several important occasions shewn herself as subject to whim and caprice as any of her sex, I can form no judgment with any certainty as to the event. Meantime, we are literally without money or credit; our army dwindled to almost nothing, and without the necessary supplies of cloathing and stores, and no effectual measures taken, or resources established to recruit the first and to furnish the latter. When I reflect further on that indifference and langour which prevailed when I left America, and on the rapid decline which our credit and public character have been both in Europe and with ourselves ever since I left France, in 1778, I tremble for the consequences if the war is continued. Ever since our alliance public measures have been so conducted, by the distraction and weakness of our councils, that we have been and are now realizing the fable of the giant and dwarf who made an offensive and defensive league together against their common enemy. The blows which scarcely drew blood from the giant, by glancing only, lopped off a leg or an arm of his dear little ally; and on their victory, whilst the giant in full vigor and exultation sung Te Deum, the dwarf, without legs or arms, and with but one eye left, lay almost breathless on the field. But what need of all this to one whose humanity and true patriotism considers an honorable peace as the most desirable event that can possibly happen, and how (you will ask me) can it be obtained? I cannot attempt, especially in a letter, to be particular on this subject, though I am fully convinced that a peace may be obtained, honorable, advantageous, and satisfactory to all parties if the present crisis is improved, and if wisdom and prudence preside in the negociations; but it a haughty, menancing language is held on our part towards even those who have assisted us in our distress, with a refusal to acknowledge favours received from them, our allies will be justly displeased, our enemies will improve the circumstances, and our fate will be duly merited and inevitable. I refer you to Mr. Mumford on the subject, and will only add that a negociation for peace, situated as affairs are in Europe and with us, is at once a most arduous and delicate undertaking, and to succeed in it requires the art and address of a courtier as much as the firmness of an old republican; and that one who has not made it his great object to soften and conciliate, to yield, and in degree to conform himself, at least to give way for a time to the passions, the vanity, and even the

SILAS DEANE TO TITUS HOSMER
(Cont.)

follies of those he treats with, and who has not learned and practised that first lesson for a negociator of peace under our circumstances, *to win his way by yielding to the tide*, has not the least chance of succeeding. Would to God I could write on a more agreeable subject, but what lies nearest, and with the greatest weight on my heart (in spite of all my resolutions never further to interest myself in public affairs) will dictate to my pen whilst writing to my friends; and when I reflect on the cruel situation to which we are reduced by the weakness of some and the wickedness of others of a cabal equally known and execrated by both of us, I forget the ungrateful and indignant returns I have met with by their accursed intrigues and artifice, by which they have involved the affairs of our country in greater difficulties and distress than of my own in particular. I have taken my old lodgings with Doctor Franklin, and I shall be happy to receive a letter from you, which, directed to his care, will find me, though I may be elsewhere at the time, as I propose a journey to Holland this fall on my private business. Present my compliments to Mrs. Hosmer, and accept by best wishes for your mutual happiness and that of your rising family. I am, with the most sincere esteem and friendship, Dear Sir, your most Obedt. Humble Servt.,

S. DEANE.

P. S. — I found my son well grown, and he speaks and writes French perfectly well. He lives near me at present. Doctor Bancroft lives in my neighborhood, agreeable situated and much esteem'd.

SOURCE: *Collections of the New-York Historical Society.* For The Year 1889. Publication Fund Series. XXII. New York: Printed for the Society, 1890, pp. 210-213.

This letter is extremely interesting, not only because it provides a first hand view of the events in Europe during the Revolutionary War, but also because it shows the strong bond between Silas Deane and Titus Hosmer. The length and openness of the letter is also significant in that it reveals the degree of trust and respect that existed between them. What comes through most clearly, however, is that the fate of the nation superseded all other considerations. The high moral tone and the strong sense of purpose expressed in this letter says much about the character of these two men.

FROM THE PAPERS OF SILAS DEANE

.... Among the many worthy friends I had the pleasure of meeting in Philadelphia was my most early and constant friend, the late Mr. [Titus] Hosmer of Connecticut. Our friendship commenced while fellow students and young, and never suffered one moment's interruption to the death of that most worthy man. His health had for many years been precarious, and he was then visibly in a decline, so that he was obliged to leave Congress and return to Connecticut in a few days after my arrival. At parting, on my expressing my design to return to France the ensuing autumn, as the affairs which I had with Congress in America lay in a very narrow compass, whilst a settlement of those in which I had been concerned in on their account in Europe were extensive, and required an early settlement, he said that I would not find it so easy a matter to get away as I expected. On my expressing my surprize, and asking for an explanation, he told me that his ill state of health was not the only cause of his retiring from Congress; that on his first taking his seat in it he found every thing in it managed by a party, or select junto, of the members, whom he named to me in confidence, and added that, having been on terms with them, he had certain knowledge of [] being inimical to me, and resolved to do me every ill office in their power. To which I observed that I did not see how I was on any account exposed to their attacks. He replied, they never will attack you openly and directly on any part of your political conduct, nor for some time on your commercial. They envy you for the success which you have had, thought their own personal salvation and that of their country depended on it, and not less for the honors which you have received, and for the popularity you at present enjoy. Their mode of proceeding will be by studied delay and neglect, on various pretences, to wear out your patience, and in the meantime, without appearing to be inimical, undermine you by secret insinuations and innuendos without doors and among the people that all is not as it ought to be respecting your transactions, by which they will lay the ground for prejudices, which they will confirm by preventing Congress coming to any resolution on the subject of your recall, or on your preceding conduct whilst their servant abroad. He added that he had but too much reason to think that this would be the line of their conduct, for that the leaders of the junto, ignorant

FROM THE PAPERS OF SILAS DEANE
(Cont.)

of the intimate friendship which subsisted between us, had a few evenings before in a great measure opened themselves to him on this subject. It will, in the sequel, be found that the apprehensions of my worthy and much lamented friend were well founded, for all their subsequent manoeuvres during a sixteen months' attendance on Congress, and fruitless solicitations that they would examine into my conduct and approve or censure it, were in the line pointed out by my honoroble friend.

SOURCE: *Collections of the New-York Historical Society.* For The Year 1890. Publication Fund Series. XXIII. New York: Printed for the Society, 1891. pp. 336, 337.

TIMOTHY HOSMER
(1745 - 1815)
A GENTLEMAN IN THE WILDERNESS

With the possible exception of the Connecticut statesman, Titus Hosmer, more is known about Dr. Timothy Hosmer than any other descendant of Thomas Hosmer. Dr. Hosmer was a pioneer in every sense of the word -- strong in mind and body, self-sufficient, and God-fearing. As a doctor, judge, mediator, and country squire, Timothy Hosmer met the challenges of life head on and without reservation.[1] A neighbor of Dr. Hosmer remembered him as, " ... an excellent hearted man; he practised medicine all through the valley; and was kind and obliging to all the settlers."[2] This was a sentiment shared by many. While he was kind and understanding to his neighbors, he was also uncompromising when it came to matters of principle and integrity. If adversity builds character, then Dr. Hosmer, was truly a giant among his peers. He never sought controversity, but, by the same token, he never shrank from it.[3]

Timothy Hosmer was born in September 1745[4] in West Hartford, Connecticut.[5] He was the fourth son and eighth child of Stephen and Deliverance (Graves) Hosmer.[6] His early years were spent in Hartford[7] where he acquired an education which can only be described as usual and undistinguished.[8] Unlike his elder brother Titus, Timothy did not attend college. Whether this was due to a lack of money or to a general lack of interest, it is difficult to assert.[9] We do know, however, that he soon took an interest in medicine, and became the student of a Middleton [sic], Connecticut physician, Dr. Dickinson.[10] Under Dr. Dickinson's tutelage, and perhaps that of others, Timothy acquired the necessary skills of a doctor and surgeon. During, or perhaps slightly after his training, Timothy met Elizabeth Smith. Following a courtship of undetermined length, Timothy and Elizabeth were married in Farmington, Connecticut on July 30, 1771[11] (most probably in the Congregational Church of that town).[12]

Dr. Hosmer was a sincerely religious man. Like all other aspects of his

life, Dr. Hosmer viewed religious matters with an inquiring eye. He was, to be sure, a man of deep religious convictions, but he questioned dogmatism and meaningless ritual. He supported, for example, the publication of thought provoking religious tracts. The following advertisement appeared in the *Connecticut Courant* in 1769 and 1770:

> Whereas there is a dispute about the qualifications for special ordinances, viz. Baptism and the Lords Supper, lately revived by Dr. Bellamy and others, it is now proposed to re print by Subscription,
>
> MR. *STODDARD'S*
> APPEAL TO THE LEARNED
>
> being a vendication of the right of visible Saints to the Lord's Supper, tho' they be destitute of a saving work of the spirit of GOD on their hearts against the exceptions of Mr. Mather and others.
> The price to the subscribers only stitch'd, will be about One Shilling L. Money.
> Subscriptions are taken in by Deac. Silas Kellogg, at Sheffield, Doct. Timothy Hosmer in Farmington, and by the Printers hereof.[13]

An ardent patriot from the very beginning, Dr. Hosmer never feared to express his anti-British views, even when those views ran counter to the beliefs of some of his neighbors. Needless to say, the years immediately preceeding the American Revolution were not particularly pleasant for young Doctor Hosmer. The historian, Orasmus Turner, in 1849 wrote:

> About this period the troubles precursory to the American Revolution commenced, and he [Timothy] was one of the earliest to resist the encroachments of British power. He, together with John Treadwell (afterwards Governor of Connecticut,) and one or two others, openly proclaimed resistance to oppression in that then loyal town, so that they were for some time in great personal peril, from the violence of their loyal neighbors; but they persevered in retaining their patriotic position, until that town became distinguished for its zeal in the cause of the Revolution.[14]

Dr. Hosmer left his new residence in Farmington, and joined the Connecticut line soon after the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.[15] His skills as a surgeon were quickly put to use in Meigs' regiment,[16] and later these same skills were to be called upon by others. According to one source, Dr. Hosmer

served two and a half years as one of the surgeons assigned to General George Washington's staff.[17]

His tour of duty not only brought him into contact with many famous people, for example, Dr. William Eustis[18] (who later became Secretary of War under President James Madison),[19] but it also brought him a certain degree of professional notoriety. His work and his success in the field of smallpox was well known, for he was one of the first to apply the newly discovered principle of vaccination in America. His work and treatment of this disease at the army hospital in Danbury, Connecticut, as well as, his open and strong advocacy of vaccination established his professional reputation.[20] With this newly acquired recognition, Timothy returned to his home in Farmington at the conclusion of the war where he resumed his private practice.[21]

Today, we view vaccination as a useful and necessary tool in the fight against disease. In the middle of the 18th century, however, the practice was seen with both suspicion and fear.[22] Dr. Hosmer waged a continuous battle to gain the confidence of the public. It was not an easy task. To some, smallpox vaccination was viewed as the cause and not the preventive of the disease. To allay the fears of the public, Dr. Hosmer investigated reports of adverse reaction to vaccination. The following account appeared in the *Connecticut Courant* on Apr. 1, 1776:

> In conſequence of a report which has been propagated that the Small Pox was deſignedly brought into Simſbury, and that the family of Mr. David Phelps had received the ſame by inoculation: ... We the ſubſcribers, at the earneſt request of the ſaid David Phelps, and by the advice of the authority of ſaid town, repaired to the ſaid Phelp's houſe, and after having carefully examined each of his family, give it clearly as our opinion, that the wife of the said David (who firſt was taken with ſaid infection) and alſo five of his children, had the diſeaſe the natural way.
>
> certified per Hezekiah Holcomb
> Timothy Hosmer[23]

After a few years, Dr. Hosmer became disenchanted with his life, and decided to go West, which, for him, meant the frontier of New York State. One of the reasons that Dr. Hosmer left the comfort of the East for the wilderness of the West was to escape a thriving practice which was sapping his energy

and consuming more and more of his time at the expense of his family. Another reason must assuredly have been the lure of adventure which Western New York offered in abundance.[24]

Dr. Hosmer's ties to Connecticut were severed, for all practical purposes, by the end of 1791. In an effort to settle his affairs quickly, Dr. Hosmer's agent or attorney placed the following notice in the *Connecticut Courant:*

All persons indebted to Doctor Timothy Hosmer, late of Farmington, now residing in the State of New York —— either by Book, Note, or any other way, are hereby requested without further notice, to call and settle the same with the Sub-]
scriber his Agent and Attorney, fully authorized for that purpose. All accounts not speedily settled, are ordered to be put]
in immediate collection.

ELIJAH COWLES, Jun.r

Farmington, Dec. 13, 1791[25]

In the spring of 1790, Dr. Hosmer joined Major Isaiah Thompson on an expedition to the Genesee country in New York State. They had heard that Mr. Phelps -- whom Dr. Hosmer knew personally -- had, a few years previous, purchased a large tract of land in Genesee County.[26] They negotiated with him and purchased Township 10, Range 7 (present day Avon in Livingston County) for "Wadsworth, Lewis & Co."[27] The principal investors of this company were: William Wadsworth (of Farmington, Connecticut), Mr. Wells (of Hartford, Connecticut), [Thomas] Lewis, Isaiah Thompson (of Southington, Connecticut), Dr. Timothy Hosmer, and William Judd. Of this group, only Dr. Hosmer and Isaiah Thompson settled the land.[28] The others either sold their property or otherwise disposed of their interest in the township. The price paid for the property was unusually high, 2 shillings, 8 pence per acre[29] (in New England currency).[30] The going rate at this time was 2 shillings per acre. The additional 8 pence was for what William T. Hosmer (Dr. Timothy Hosmer's son) called, "choice townships".[31] These choice parcels were large expanses of flat land,[32] suitable for easy cultivation. The purchase concluded, Dr. Hosmer stayed the summer (1790),[33] during which time, he built the first sawmill in the area at Littleville (1½ miles south of Avon).[34] He left, presumably, for Farmington with the coming of winter.

The following spring (1791), he returned to Avon accompanied by his

two eldest sons, Frederick (age: 18) and A. Sidney (age: 14). With their help, he built the first structure in Avon -- a log cabin.[35] The rest of his family joined him either in 1792 or early 1793. Dr. Hosmer again returned to Farmington where he concluded his affairs (Feb. 1793). By March, he was again back in Avon.[36]

Settlers were now beginning to come into the area[37] and the foundations of a pioneer community were starting to appear. Because there was no other doctor in the area, Timothy resumed the practice of medicine. Dispensing both medical care and encouragement, Dr. Hosmer gave a needed sense of stability to the new settlement. His abilities were also recognized by the local Indian population who frequently called upon him for medical assistance. In recognition of his help, the Indians called him, "At-tta-gus", the healer of disease. When suspicions and conflicts arose between the settlers and the Indians, it was frequently Dr. Hosmer who acted as the go-between and mediator.[38]

Dr. Hosmer was committed to the settlement of the frontier. Even in the face of danger, Dr. Hosmer stood firm. Relations with the Indians were not always friendly, and there were constant fears of uprising. Those fears were heightened by the Indian troubles of 1793-94. Orasmus Turner, the 19th century historian, noted the part played by Dr. Hosmer during this critical period:

> It was a fact known only at the time to Judge Hosmer and Gen. Israel Chapin, Superintendent of Indian affairs, residing at Avon and Canandaigua, 'that the Genesee Indians were ready to [] upon the frontier dwellers of this state, as soon as it should be known that the Indians had been victorious over [Gen. Anthony] Wayne, which they did not doubt'. Judge Hosmer and Gen. Chapin received this information from an American gentleman, living at Newark (Niagara) Upper Canada. This gentleman's name, whose character stood high in the confidence of government, was ever kept a secret by those two gentlemen, nor was the rumor suffered [] spread among the inhabitants, as it would probably have depopulated the country; but it put these two gentlemen on the [] until the contingency was settled.
>
> For the foregoing information, we are indebted to George Hosmer, Esq.[39]

As one can see, even in times of crisis, Dr. Hosmer maintained his composure

and acted according to principle.[40]

His stature in the community made him a natural choice as one of the first judges of the newly created Ontario County. His appointment as county judge came on Oct. 5, 1793.[41] It was not until the following November, however, that he assumed his courtroom duties in earnest in Canandaigua. Court convened not in a courthouse but in Nathaniel Sanborn's hotel. Nevertheless, this court, presided by Judge Hosmer, was the first county court ever held in Ontario County. At this first session, no trial jury cases were heard, but numerous other matters were decided, including the organization of the court itself. Judge Hosmer's first jury trial came, at the beginning of the court's second term, in June 1795. It was not a spectacular case, but it marked the first time that a jury trial was conducted west of Herkimer County. The defendant in the case was accused of stealing, of all things, a cow-bell. Perhaps, not a major offense by Eastern standards, but, in the frontier, stealing was stealing. In the trial that ensued, Judge Hosmer maintained a strict adherence to the rules of evidence and conduct. The prosecution and defense presented their cases and the judge issued his instructions to the jury. The jury retired and, after some deliberation, returned a verdict of not guilty.[42] The significance of this trial was not in the verdict itself, but in the fact that legal justice had, for the first time, been served in frontier New York State. Judge Hosmer's reputation grew as a result of this case and others that followed. In Oct. 1798, Governor George Clinton elevated Hosmer to the office of First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, the post formally occupied by Oliver Phelps, the distinguished land proprietor and benefactor.[43] Dr. Hosmer held this position, without interruption, until 1805 when he was constitutionally required to step down, having reached the age limit of 60 years.[44]

One of Dr. Hosmer's most engendering qualities was his delightful wit. His wit, combined with a love of justice, proved a mighty combination. One incident that triggered his indignation, as well as, his famous wit occurred during a trial over which he was presiding. The case involved a woman accused of assaulting a man named, Scrope. The man, it seemed, entered the woman's kitchen uninvited and began to make insulting remarks, whereupon the woman took out her broom and started to hit the man on the head in an effort to drive him from her house. The facts in the case were quite clear, as the prosecutor saw it, the woman had, in fact, assaulted the man. Even the

woman's attorney appeared to resign himself to the fact that his client would be found guilty. At this point, Judge Hosmer intervened.[45] A believer in the sanctity of American womanhood and in poetic justice, Dr. Hosmer addressed the following remarks to the jury:

> Gentlemen of the jury, the evidence in this case clearly shows that an assault and battery has been committed upon this man, and unless there is some justification for the assault, you must convict the defendant. But, gentlemen, in my view, there are extenuating circumstances in the case, which you must take into consideration. Among which, are the sex of the defendant, the place where the assault was committed, and the circumstances which led to the assault. Gentlemen, bear in mind that the kitchen is a woman's empire, the broomstick a legalized, and therefore legitimate weapon, her honor the corner-stone of society, nay, its superstructure. The wretch who invades her empire and there wantonly insults her, should never complain if quick, heavy, repeated blows given with her proper weapon should in fury descend upon his head. If he escapes with his life, he should make no other demonstration than thanking God for it. But when he goes further, when, as in this case, he asks redress from a jury; if there is a juror in the box who has a wife, mother, daughter, sister, or female friend of any kind, that cannot see in the provocation a justification of this act, and of the whole act, his name ought to be stricken from the jury box forever. Go out, gentlemen, and return with such a verdict as will not, when you go to your homes, bring upon you the condemnation of every virtuous woman.[46]

Needless to say, his chivalrous and colorful support of this lady in distress made him an instant favorite among the county's female population.[47]

Controversial subjects were not new to a seasoned pioneer and mediator like Judge Hosmer. A month after his appointment to the bench, Nov. 1793, his fellow judges and a number of interested citizens met in Canandaigua and elected him chairman of a county-wide meeting. The subject of this meeting was secession. The participants at this important gathering weighed the consequences of the proposed secession of Central and Western New York from New York State and the benefits, if any, that might accrue from the formation of a new state. Fortunately, for New York State and the inhabitants of Ontario County, the proposal met quick and unanimous defeat.[48] As was so frequently the case, frontier logic and decisiveness prevailed.

In addition to the services he provided as a doctor and as a judge, Dr. Hosmer also was a leader of the social life of the community. His large private library[49] served his family and, no doubt, many of his close friends. As a man of letters, Dr. Hosmer took a strong interest in education. He was, in fact, instrumental in the formation of an academy for Ontario County. In 1795, he was among nineteen men selected to serve on the academy's board of trustees. His interests were not, of course, confined to education alone, for the religious needs of the community were also foremost in his mind. During the absence of itinerant ministers, Dr. Hosmer often read the Episcopal services in the log school house (which also doubled as the community's meeting hall).[50] He was, in short, a man with few equals; a man of many abilities and skills.

Dr. Hosmer's home and sanitarium may have been in the frontier, but it was by no means crude or primitive. A fact which the French prince and future king, Louis Phillipe, and his party pleasantly discovered when they arrived in Avon in July 1797.[51] In addition to the refreshing spring nearby, they also found, to their great delight, a bathhouse. After approximately two weeks of tramping through the forest and marshes of Western New York, this certainly must have been a welcomed sight. Their brief stay was made even more memorable by the excellent food which their host provided. To the French, it must have appeared as if a small piece of civilization had been transplanted to the frontier.[52]

Equally incongruous with the physical surroundings of the frontier, must have been the appearance of Dr. Hosmer himself. Impeccably dressed in fine deerskin breeches -- complete with silver knee buckles -- he was the embodiment of the country gentleman. His stout frame was not particularly striking, but his bearing and courtly manner were unmistakable. His hair was powdered and ribbon tied, as was the custom. Those who knew him, his friends and neighbors, said that he belonged to the "old school" -- a world of culture and refinement. And so he did. Surrounded by family and attended by his black servant, Boston, life was not without its rewards.[53]

Dr. Timothy Hosmer's long and successful life came to an end on Nov. 29, 1815 in Avon, New York.[54] He was survived by his wife, 5 sons, 1 daughter, and numerous grandchildren.[55] Orasmus Turner wrote an eloquent summary of Dr. Hosmer's character. The following is an excerpt from that summary found in Turner's classic 1849 work, *Pioneer History of the Holland*

Purchase of Western New York:

> He [Timothy Hosmer] was distinguished for a lively and cheerful disposition, for his active benevolence, ready wit and indifference to the acquisition of wealth; his professional services were as readily extended to the poor and helpless, as to the wealthy; his philantrophy made all who knew him his friends, and it is not known that he ever had a personal enemy. He died as he had lived, in peace with all men, and in reconciliation with his Creator.[56]

His earthly remains were buried in Avon Cemetery,[57] thus marking the final chapter in the exciting and full life of the Honorable Timothy Hosmer -- doctor, patriot, pioneer, Indian friend, mediator, counselor, judge, and community leader.[58]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 12, 22, 40, 58.

[2]Orasmus Turner. *Pioneer History of the Holland Purchase of Western New York: Embracing Some Account of the Ancient Remains; A Brief History of Our Immediate Predecessors, the Confederated Iroquois, Their System of Government, Wars, Etc. - A Synopsis of Colonial History: Some Notices of the Border Wars of the Revolution: And a History of Pioneer Settlement Under the Auspices of the Holland Company; Including Reminiscences of the War of 1812; The Origin, Progress and Completion of the Erie Canal etc. etc. etc.* Buffalo, New York: Jewett, Thomas & Co.; George H. Derby & Co., 1849. p. 377. Same citation for footnote: 56. Hereinafter cited as, *Holland Purchase.*

[4]*Pioneer Families.* p. 23.

[5]Orasmus Turner. *The History of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase.* Buffalo, New York: Jewett, Thomas & Co.; George H. Derby & Co., 1851. p. 369. Same citation for footnotes: 8, 18, 20, 28, 30, 32. Hereinafter cited as, *Phelps and Gorham.*

[6]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 9.

[7]Assumed. Timothy's father, Stephen Hosmer, resided in West Hartford until his death in 1758. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 9.). -- At his father's death, Timothy was thirteen years old and presumedly still living in the family home in West Hartford.

[9]College in the middle of the eighteenth century was serious business. It was confining in both the physical and academic sense. Its rules were strict and unbending. The courses offered were classical in nature with only a smattering of the sciences. Yale, the college Timothy's brother attended, emphasized Latin, Greek, Hebrew, philosophy, logic, rhetoric,

metaphysics, geography, and theology. Only in the third year was any special attention given to astronomy, mathematics, and natural philosopy [physics]. ("Regulations at Yale College", [1745]. *The Annals of America*. I. pp. 465-467).

[10]Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. p. 369. Note: "Middleton, reported by Turner, should probably be, Middletown. -- Formalized medical education was nonexistent in America prior to 1762. (David Hosack. "On the Progress of Medical Education", [1812]. *The Annals of America*. IV. p. 307). -- It was not until the first decade of the nineteenth century that serious attempts were made to establish medical colleges. Prior to that time, a man planning to enter medicine either had to obtain his education in Europe, or he had to serve an apprenticeship under a practicing physician in this country. (editor's background comments, preceding the Hosack article, -- same source, p. 307).

[11]*Pioneer Families*. p. 23. - Confirmed by Katherine K. Schaper, Secretary, The First Church of Christ, Congregational, Farmington, Connecticut. (Letter, Katherine K. Schaper to Ronald Roberts, June 12, 1973).

[13]*Connecticut Courant* (Hartford, Conn.), Dec. 18, 1769, p. 3, col. 2; also, *Connecticut Courant*, Jan. 1, 1770, p. 4, cols. 2 & 3; also, *Connecticut Courant*, Jan. 15, 1770, p. 4, also, *Connecticut Courant*, Jan. 22, 1770, p. 4, col. 3, also, *Connecticut Courant*, Jan. 29, 1770, p. 4, col. 2.

[14]Turner. *Holland Purchase*. pp. 376, 377.

[15]Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. p. 369. -- Note: Records indicate that a "Timothy Hosmer" was a member of the East Haddam Regiment. (*Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. Vol. XII: *Lists and Returns of Connecticut Men in the Revolution 1775-1783*. Hartford, Conn.: Published by the Society, 1909. p. 3). The Timothy Hosmer referred to in these records was <u>not</u> Dr. Hosmer, but the son of Robert Hosmer. (The Author).

[16]*Pioneer Families*. p. 23. <u>Same citation for footnotes</u>: <u>21</u>, <u>31</u>, <u>36</u>, <u>44</u>, <u>54</u>.

[17]"Titus Hosmer", *Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. Edited by James Grant Wilson and John Fishe. III. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1888. p. 269. Hereinafter cited as, *Appleton's Cyclopaedia*.

[19]"James Madison", *The American Heritage Book of the Presidents and Famous Americans*. Created and designed by the editors of American Heritage. II. New York: Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1967. p. 157.

[23]*Connecticut Courant* (Hartford, Conn.), Apr. 1, 1776, p. 3, col. 3. A Readex Microprint. Card 47 (Mar. 11, 1776 - May 27, 1776). Worchester, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society, 1969.

[24]Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. pp. 369, 370. -- Long before his move to Western New York, Dr. Hosmer had interests in other Western lands. The *New England Historical Register* reported the following:

> First Ownership of Ohio Lands on the Muskingum River.

Proprietor	*Residence*	*Agent*	*Share*
Hosmer, Timothy	Farmington, Conn.	Barlow	1

(*N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXV [1911]. p. 147).

[25] *Connecticut Courant* (Hartford, Conn.), Dec. 19, 1791, "Numb. 1404", p. 2, col. 3; also, *Connecticut Courant*, Dec. 26, 1791, "Numb. 1405", p. 4, col. 2.

[26] James H. Smith. *History of Livingston County*. Syracuse, N. Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1881. p. 428. Hereinafter cited as, *Livingston County*.

[27] Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. p. 369; *Pioneer Families*. p. 23.

[29] *Pioneer Families*. p. 23. -- Turner gives the purchase price as ls. 6d. (Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. p. 369).

[33] Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. p. 370. Same citation for footnotes: 35, 38, 49.

[34] J. H. French. *Historical and Statistical Gazatteer of New York State*. Syracuse, N. Y.: R. Pearsall Smith, 1860. pp. 382, 383n. French also reported that a "Dr. Hosmer" was among the early settlers of Irondequoit, a settlement near Rochester. His arrival was probably in the period 1791 - 1792 (*Ibid.*, p. 400). -- According to James Smith, Dr. Hosmer, along with the Wadsworth boys, built the first sawmill on the Conesus River in 1796. (Smith. *Livingston County*. p. 429).

[37] Among the new settlers were Dr. Hosmer's younger brother, Graves Hosmer, and his family. (The Author).

[39] Turner. *Holland Purchase*. p. 344. -- The Genesee Indians miscalculated. On Aug. 20, 1794, General Anthoney Wayne and his forces won a decisive victory over the Indians at Fallen Timbers in Northwest Ohio. (*The Indian and the White Man*. Edited with an introduction by Wilcomb E. Washburn. Garden City, N. Y.: Anchor Books, Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1964. p. 343).

[41] *History of Ontario County, New York: With Illustrations and Family Sketches of Some of the Prominent Men and Families*. Edited by George S. Conover. Compiled by Lewis Cass Aldrich. Syracuse, N. Y.: D. Mason & Co., Publishers, 1893. p. 118. Hereinafter cited as, *Ontario County*.

[42] L. B. Proctor. *The Bench and Bar of New York: Containing Biographical Sketches of Eminent Judges, and Lawyers of the New York Bar, Incidents of the Important Trials in Which They Were Engaged and Anecdotes Connected With Their Professional and Judicial Career*. New York: Diossy & Company, 1870. p. 178. Hereinafter cited as, *The Bench and Bar*.

[43] *Ibid.*, p. 176.

[45] *Ibid.*, p. 179.

[46] Judge Hosmer's Instructions to the Jury (Scrope Assault Case) in *The Bench and Bar*. pp. 179, 180.

[47] Proctor. *The Bench and Bar*. p. 180.

[48] *Ontario County*. p, 83.

[50] Smith. *Livingston County*. p. 429.

[51] The Prince and his party left Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 20, 1797. They arrived in Geneva, New York, July 13, 1797. (Morris Bishop. "Louis Phillipe in America". *American*

Heritage. XX (Apr., 1969), 94, 95). Sometime during this three week span, they stopped at Dr. Hosmer's sanitarium. Allowing for the two weeks in the marshes, the party probably arrived in Avon the first week in July 1797.

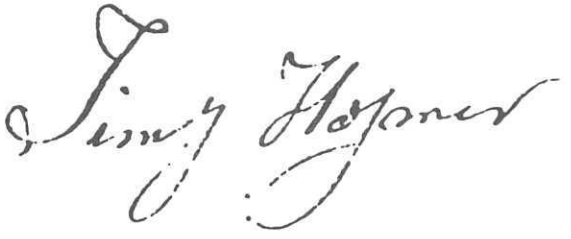
[52]Morris Bishop. "Louis Philippe in America". *American Heritage*. XX (Apr., 1969), 95.

[53]*Ibid.* -- The legal status of the black servant, Boston, is unclear. New York State did not totally abolish slavery until July 4, 1827 [Act of 1817] (Phillips. *American Negro Slavery*. p. 120).

[55]Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. p. 371.

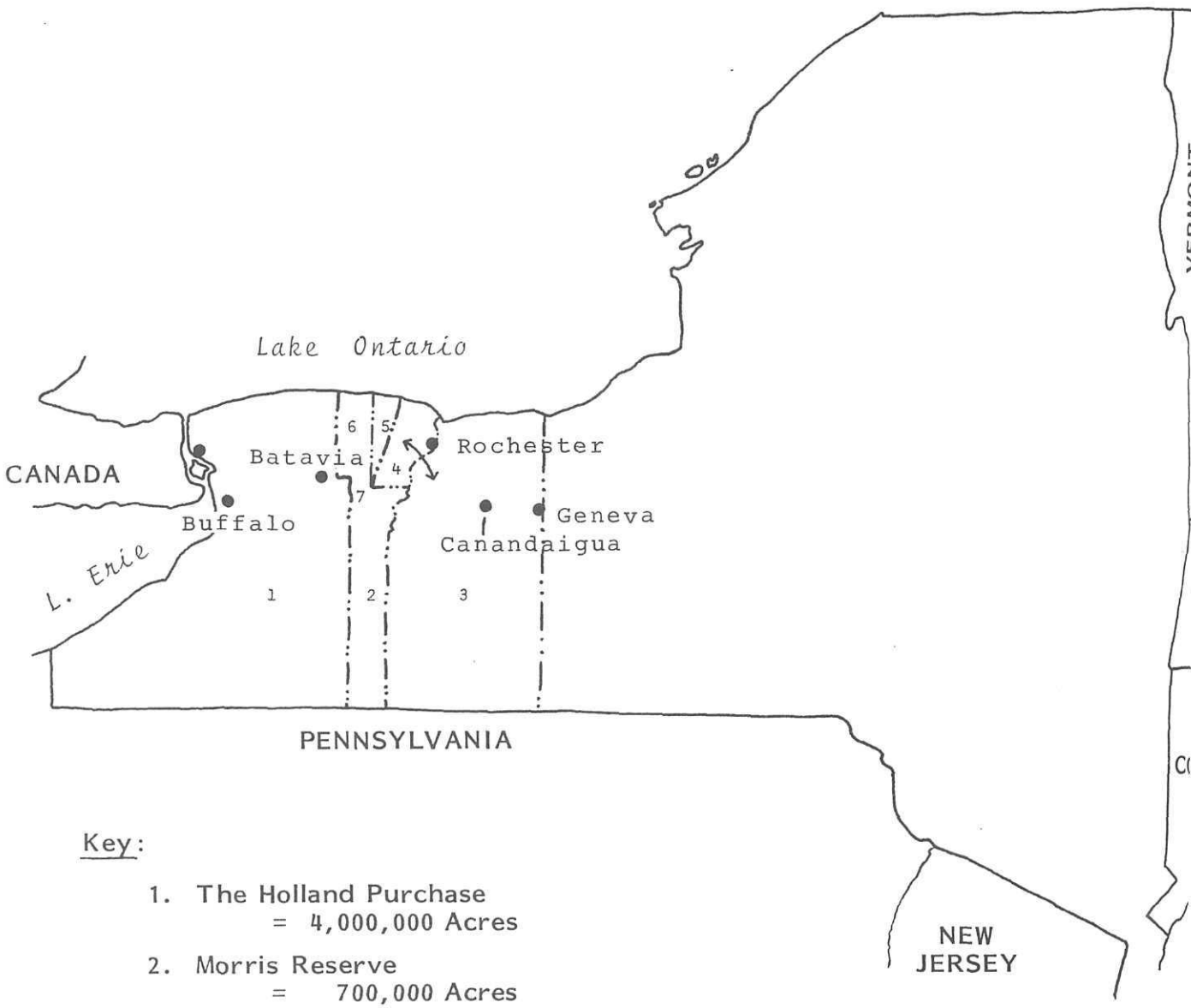
[57]"MARKED GRAVES" file. Livingston County Archives. Duplicate supplied by Miss Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, Oct. 31, 1974

"MARKED GRAVES -- Livingston County Township AVON
Name -- Hon. Timothy Hosmer Name of Cemetery AVON
Dates -- B -- D -- 11-29-1815 Age -- 70
Written References --
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New York

MAJOR LAND TRACTS



Key:

1. The Holland Purchase
 = 4,000,000 Acres
2. Morris Reserve
 = 700,000 Acres
3. Phelps and Gorham's Purchase
 = 2,000,000 Acres
4. Mill Yard Tract
5. Triangle Tract
 = 86,000 Acres
6. Connecticut Grant and Pulteney Tract
7. Cragie Tract

TURN of the SICK and WOUNDED in the AMERICAN MILITA
HOSPITAL at Hartford-W. Division Eastern Department.

FROM January 30th TO February 6. 17

DISORDERS,	Admitted since last Return.	Absent with Leave.	Absent without Leave.	Discharged the Army.	Dead since last Return.	Dismissed to Camp cured.	Remain convalescent.	Remain sick or hurt.
r Inflamatory,	"	"	"	"	"	1	20	"
Intermitant,	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"
Bilious,	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
Putrid,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Nervous,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hectic,	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1
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RETURN of the SICK and WOUNDED in the American Military Hospital at *Hartford. W. Division* Eaſtern Department.

From *January 30th* To *February 6th 1779*

SOURCE: American Revolution. Box I. - Documents. Manuscript Collection. The Connecticut Historical Society. Hartford, Connecticut.

In the original document, the following inscription appeared on the left margin, approximately three inches below, "Caſual Hurts":

Presented by
William C. Gilman Esqr
New York

LETTER
TIMOTHY HOSMER TO PETER COLT

Farmington Jany 17th 1788 ——

Sir I have Sent you a Barrell of Pork, which was, Nett 240 lb and 143 lb
upon of a Hog which weigh. 240 lb and
I have Sent you Another Hog wt. 232; & Ten Bushs.
229
of Ind.n Corn, Hope in a few days to be able to
Send you Another Load of Pork, Corn &c. wish you
to Send a Receipt by the Bearer ——

I am Sir Your Humble Servt.

Timy Hosmer

Mr. Peter Colt

3.6 1/229
2
57.3

10 Corn 2/6 £1.5.0
166 Pork — 3.4.0
229 lb. 3. 2.17.3
7.6.3

CIVIL ACTION

Defendant: Timothy Hosmer * Plaintiff: Solomon Whitman Jr.

To the Sheriff of the County of Hartford or his Deputy, or either of the
Conſtables of the Town of Farmington within ſaid County, Greeting.

BY Authority of the State of Connecticut, you are hereby commanded to Attach of the Goods or Eſtate of Timothy Hoſmer of S^d Farmington now reſident in the County Cattle in the State of New york to the Value of Ten pounds L Mo & for want thereof attach the Body of the S^d Hoſmer if he may be found within your precinct & him have then

To appear before the County Court to be holden at Hartford within & for the County Hartford on the ~~County, at~~ ~~Dwelling House~~ ~~Hon. Judges of our Ld~~ firſt Tuſday of November Inſt ~~o'clock in the~~ ~~noon~~, then and there to anſwer unto Solomon Whitman Jun^r of S^d Farmington

In a Plea of the Caſe, whereupon the Plaintiff declares and ſays, That the Defendant in and by a certain Writing, or Note, under ~~his~~ Hand, by himſelf executed, dated the firſt — Day of October Anno Domini 1789 Promiſed the Plaintiff to pay to him (for Value received) the Sum of four Pounds Lawful Money on Demand with Lawful Intereſt thereon

As by ſaid Writing or Note, ready in Court to be ſhewn appears; Now the Plaintiff further ſays, That the Defendant ~~his~~ Promiſe aforeſaid not regarding, hath never performed the ſame, though often requeſted and demanded, Which is to the Damage of the Plaintiff the Sum of Four Pounds Lawful Money. And for the Recovery thereof, with juſt Coſt, the Plaintiff brings this Suit. [Bond for proſecution Enoch Green]

Hereof fail not, and of this Writ with your Doings thereon make due return according to Law, ~~Dated at~~ And you are alſo to Leave a true & attested copy of this writ with Elijah Cowles Esq^r at the Uſual place of his Abode who is Attorney agent for & Truſtee to the S^d Timothy Hoſmer at Leaſt fourteen Days Before the S^d firſt Tuſday of Novemb^r Inſt — Hereof you may not fail but make due Return of this writ with your Doings thereon according to Law Dated at Farmington this 17th Day of June A^o D^o 1791

~~Anno Domini 17~~ ~~the~~ ~~Day of~~

This document instructed the officers of the court to locate and to inform Timothy Hosmer of the civil suit brought against him by Solomon Whitman Jr. It further directed the legal authorities to attach Mr. Hosmer's goods and properties until a legal determination on the matter could be made. In his complaint, Mr. Whitman claimed that Timothy Hosmer failed to pay him a legal debt of, "four Pounds. Lawful Money on Demand with Lawful Intereſt"

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ELIGIBILITY CLAUSE

"Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society." (Constitution, Article III, Section 1.)

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Dr. Timothy Hosmer was a member in the Connecticut line of Meigs Army, serving as soldier and surgeon all through the War of the Revolution, was 7 years on the staff of Gen. George Washington, and said to have been his personal friend. When the war ended, Dr. Timothy Hosmer returned to his home and private practice as physician in Farmington, Conn. Dr. Timothy Hosmer was paid for his services in Continental money, some of which, with his two military swords, were in possesion of his grandaughter, Miss Laura Hosmer of Lockport, N.Y.
Later settled in Avon N.Y. and when Ontario Co. was organized in 1794, Dr. Hosmer was appointed Chief Judge of Court of Common Appeals.

Dr. Timothy Hosmer served as Surgeon during the War of the Revolution. May 1777 to Jan. 1, 1781.

Dr. Timothy Hosmer, bpt. 1 Sept. 1745 West Hartford Conn s/o Stephen Hosmer (Capt.) and Deliverance Graves.

The said Dr. Timothy Hosmer
is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Soldier and Surgeon

Give references by volume and page to the documentary or other authorities for—MILITARY RECORD: *Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records of service, the applicant must file the official copy.*

Vol. ____ p. 374 Conn. Soldiers and Sailors in the Rev.

Vol. ____ p. ____

See D.A.R. Nat. No. 45256
" " " " 23296

Verified by National Number 178420 ✓

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The following form of acknowledgment is required:

Applicant further says that the said _____
(name of ancestor from whom eligibility is derived) is the ancestor mentioned in the foregoing application, and that the statements hereinbefore set forth are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

The applicant also pledges allegiance to the United States of America and agrees to support its Constitution. This applies only to citizens of the United States of America.

(Signature of Applicant) Ruth Stafford Clark
(Kindly sign your name before the notary exactly as you wish it to appear on our records.)

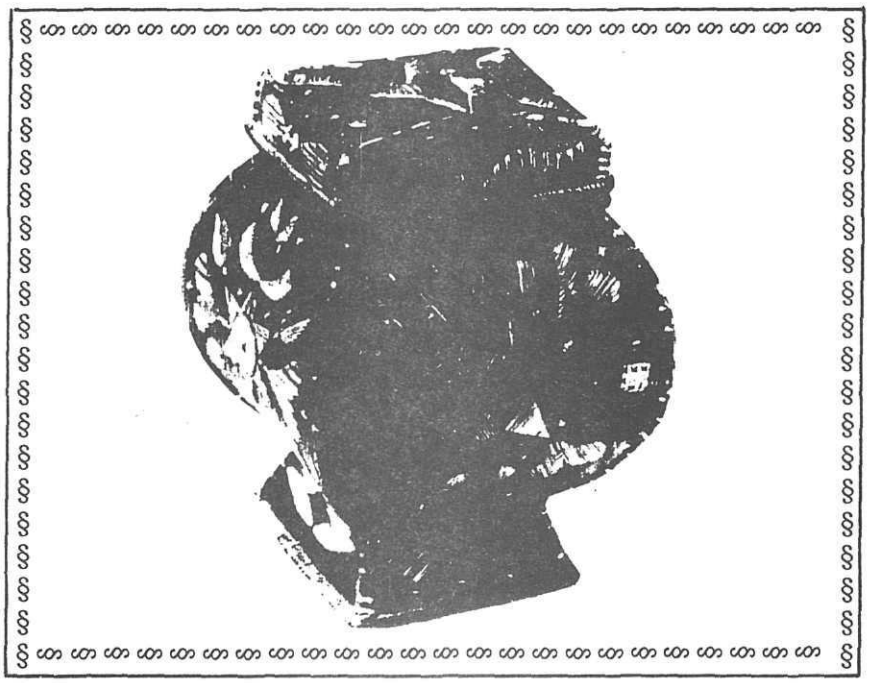
Subscribed and sworn to before me at West Hartford (City) Conn. (State)

this 18th day of December A. D. 1952

[SEAL] Ella C. Lawrence
Signature of Notary.

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INDIAN BIRCH BARK BOX



Smithsonian Collection. Catalog Number: 422660.

" ' ... it is the finest example of Great Lake Indian Birch bark box they have [in the Smithsonian Institution]. ' "

(Smithsonian Acceptance Letter)

Gift of: Esther L. Casselman, of Sanborn, N. Y.

" ' *This lidded vessel with flaring pedestal foot rounded faceted body, and rectangular lid, stitched overall with areas of red, black, white and blue quillwork in stylized floral and geometric designs.* ' "

Height	8½"
Diameter	6 "

INDIAN BIRCH BARK BOX

(See photograph, opposite page)

ORIGINAL OWNER: Dr. Timothy Hosmer (or) Timothy Hosmer Jr.

HISTORY OF THE BOX

"The box was always in the center of my Grandmother's parlor table. I was never allowed to touch it — I must have spent hours looking at it. On my 16th birthday Grandmother gave me the box as a gift. I have treasured it ever since.

Some time ago I decided I had to put the family treasures somewhere where they would be appreciated. Great Aunt Bess's music books went back to Eastman School of Music. My Aunt Eva's music books went back to Ithaca College. My father & Grandfather Casselman's things went to [a] museum — [in] Chauq. Co. where Dad grew up.

The Indian box I felt was different and important. That is why I wrote [to the] Smithsonian. After this long time I was proved correct. The box was valued at $700.00.

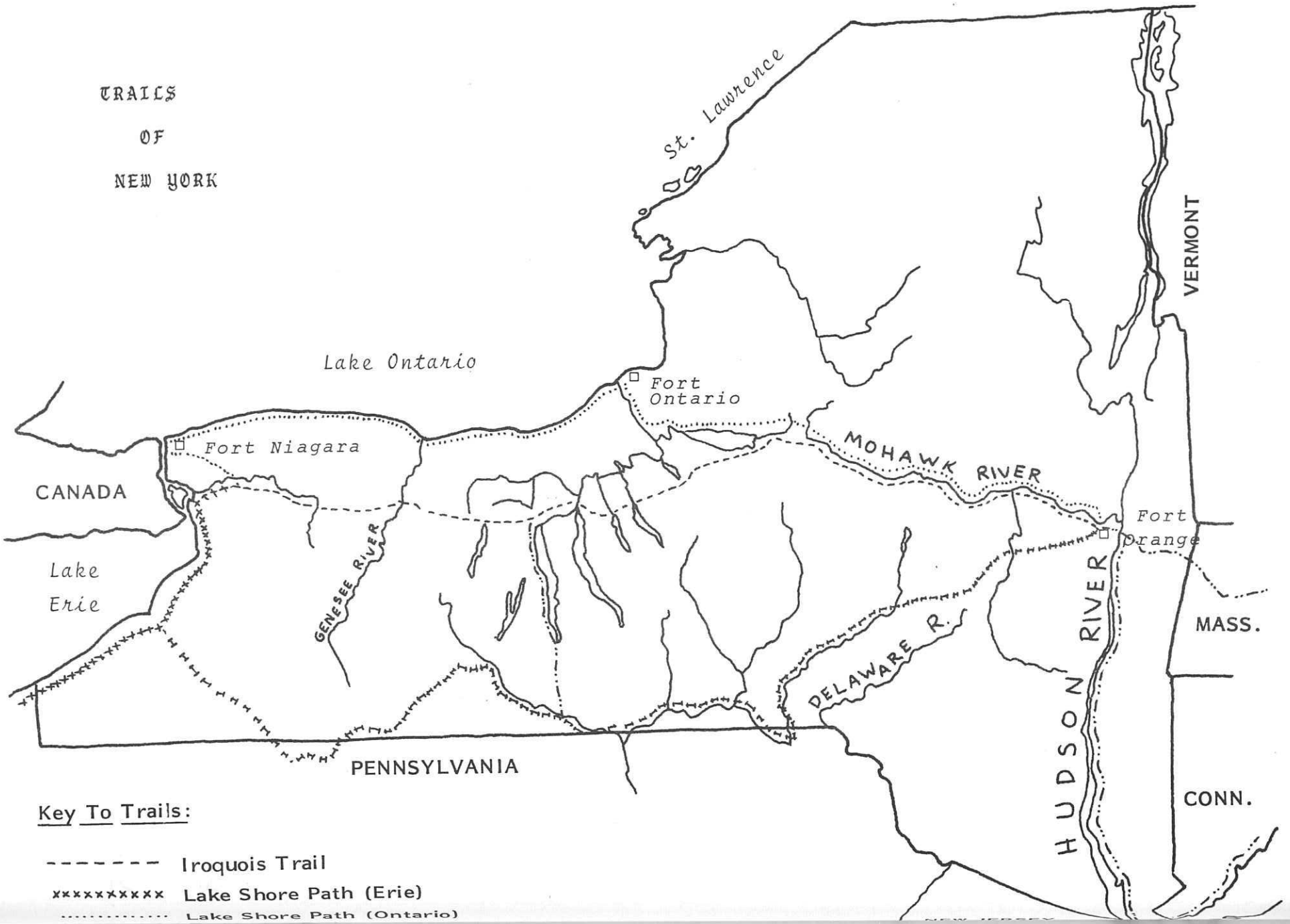
There are 2 times in my Great Great Great Grandfather's life when it might have been given to him or his son. Dr. Timothy Hosmer was adopted by the Indian[s] [and] given the name 'At-tta-gus' meaning healer.

Dr. Hosmer was one of the 1st to vaccinate for small pox. He insisted [that] the Indians be vaccinated as well as the white people. He also treated the Indians.

His son Timothy Jr. started a tavern — which can be seen in its restored state at Mumford, N. Y. — Genesee County Museum. The Indians may have given Timothy Jr. the box."

Source: Letter, Esther L. Casselman to Ronald Roberts, May 3, 1983.

Note: Esther Casselman invested considerable time and effort in researching the box. Before the Smithsonian Institution would accept the box, Miss Casselman had to write a family history and had to have the box authenticated and appraised. The whole process took three years.


TRAILS
OF
NEW YORK
St. Lawrence
VERMONT
Lake Ontario
Fort Ontario
Fort Niagara
MOHAWK RIVER
CANADA
Fort Orange
Lake Erie
GENESEE RIVER
DELAWARE R.
HUDSON RIVER
MASS.
PENNSYLVANIA
CONN.
Key To Trails:
Iroquois Trail
Lake Shore Path (Erie)
Lake Shore Path (Ontario)

GRAVES HOSMER
(1756 - 1838)
A REVOLUTIONARY WAR HERO

In many respects, Graves Hosmer lived in the shadow of his two older brothers -- Titus Hosmer (a signer of the Articles of Confederation) and Dr. Timothy Hosmer (a prominent physician and pioneer judge).[1] Being the youngest of thirteen children[2], it was probably inevitable that his accomplishments would always be measured against the monumental achievements of his elder siblings.[3] His early life was made more difficult by the fact that he never really knew his parents. At the tender age of 2 [1758], his mother, Deliverance (Graves) Hosmer, succumbed to consumption.[4] Her passing, coming so early in his life as it did, probably did not completely register in his young mind. The death of his father, Stephen Hosmer, three years later [1761][5], however, was another matter. By age 5, young Graves was an orphan.[6] His upbringing fell to his older brother, Titus.[7]

Although evidence is lacking, it is believed that Titus Hosmer assumed responsibility for Graves soon after the tragic death of their father.[8] On Oct. 2, 1769, Titus Hosmer officially became Graves' legal guardian.[9] Being a former preceptor and a strong advocate of formal instruction[10], Titus Hosmer, no doubt, took great pains to provide a suitable and proper education for his young charge.

The patriotic atmosphere in the Hosmer household as well as the general tenor of the times must have made an impression on Graves.[11] On May 6, 1775, Graves Hosmer, then a lad of 19, joined Connecticut's Continental forces. He was assigned to 4th Company, under the command of Captain Return Jonathan Meigs.[12] Private Hosmer's duties during this period are unknown, but all, apparently, went well[13], and he was discharged on Oct. 22, 1775.[14] The following year, Graves again heard the call to arms. According to official records, he enlisted into the Connecticut State Troops on Aug. 14, 1776. With the rank now of corporal, Graves carried out his responsibilities under the leadership of Captain Johnson.[15] Later, according to one source, Graves assumed the position of, "Adjutant of Bradley's Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers". While

with this unit, he " ' crossed the Delaware with Washington on the memorable night preceeding the signal victory at Princeton. ' "[16] Discharged on Dec. 28, 1776[17]. Graves returned home.

For most men, two tours of duty would have been enough, but for Graves Hosmer, there was something in his make-up that drove him to further service. Whether it was a love of adventure, devotion to country, personal considerations, or, possibly a combination of all three, is unknown. Whatever his motivations, one thing stands out in his character -- his steadfastness to duty in the heat of battle.[18] As a midshipman, Graves Hosmer would show his true metal.

The highlight of Graves' military career, occurred in the spring of 1780. As a midshipman on board the Continental frigate *Trumbull*[19], Graves Hosmer would take part in " ... one of the hardest fought and most sanguinary naval engagements of the war".[20] In late May 1780, Captain James Nicholson, slipped out of Boston harbor and deftly maneuvered *Trumbull* so as to avoid the British blockade.[21] Having avoided contact, Captain Nicholson proceeded on a southeasterly course[22] to a point approximately 250 miles north of Bermuda. Here, on June 1, 1780, he encountered the British privateer *Watt*, a 32 gun vessel under the command of John Coulthard.[23] *Watt* proved to be a worthy adversary, being larger and more heavily gunned than *Trumbull*.[24] William M. Fowler, in his book, *Rebels Under Sail: The American Navy during the Revolution*, gave the following gripping account of the engagement:

> Shortly after nine in the morning [June 1, 1780] the lookout saw a sail directly to windward. As soon as she saw *Trumbull*, the stranger altered course to bear down on the American. By one o'-clock the ships were close enough that Nicholson ordered *Trumbull* cleared for action. Hammocks were brought up and stuffed in the nettings above the bulwarks. The decks were wetted and sanded while gun crews cast off lines securing the cannons and removed the [] from the muzzles. As Nicholson watched from the quarterdeck, the other vessel kept coming on. Within a few minutes *Trumbull's* cannons were loaded and the gun captains were standing by with lighted matches. The approaching ship was close enough now for Nicholson to recognize her as British. She was *Watt* Nicholson ran up the American flag and gave a broadside. *Watt* replied in kind. For two and a half hours the ships bombarded each other, enshrouded in a thick pall

of smoke from black powder.

Nicholson's strategy was simple -- aim low and concentrate on the opponent's hull. Nicholson's British counterpart choose to pepper *Trumbull's* rigging thereby preventing escape and making possible the final *coup de grâce*. Fortunately, for the American seamen, Captain Coulthard miscalculated. Taking on water, *Watt* withdrew from the contest. The battle left *Trumbull* in a precarious state, its rigging almost completely destroyed. After a feeble attempt to pursue *Watt*, *Trumbull* limped back to Boston.[25] Damage and casualties were heavy on both sides. Of the 199 men aboard *Trumbull*, Captain Nicholson reported that 8 were killed in the engagement, 10 others died later of their wounds, and another 21 were wounded.[26] Graves Hosmer was among this latter group, having sustained a severe wound from a splinter.[27] While not acknowledging Graves Hosmer's battle related injury, the historian James H. Smith wrote the following concerning Graves' activities during the engagement:

> In the conflict that ensued, Mr. Hosmer was in command of eight men in the main-top all of whom were either killed or wounded, with the exception of himself. He only served one year.[28]

After the war, Graves returned to Connecticut. It is unclear whether he returned to Middletown or settled elsewhere in the state.[29] Sometime prior to 1790, Graves married Amy Congdon.[30] By her, he had eight children.[31] Census records indicate that by 1800 he had moved to Avon, New York[32], where his brother, Dr. Timothy Hosmer, had already established a thriving business and medical practice.[33]

Little is known about Graves' activities in New York although he probably engaged in farming.[34] According to one source, he may have been a full or part-time minister.[35] Whatever his occupation, it is a established fact that from 1819 to the time of his death, he received an annual pension of $96.00 for his military service. By 1835, records show that he had received a total of $ 1,514.06.[36]

Death came to Graves Hosmer on Jan. 17, 1838.[37] His death was considered noteworthy enough to be reported in the *Livingston Register*. After a brief summary of his military career, the notice concluded with the following

flattering - if concise - statement regarding his character:

> His powers of mind were of a high order, and he was generous to a fault.[38]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnote: 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 18, 29, 34.

[2]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 9; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701. See Main Listing, generation "d", #128.

[4]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 125.

[5]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[7]Document. Guardianship of Graves Hosmer. Oct. 2, 1769. "Signed, ſealed and delivered in Preſence of, [signed] John S [] Clark. Same citation for footnote: 9.

[10]*Colonial History of Hartford*. p. 272.

[12]*The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of Revolution 1775-1783*. Edited by Henry P. Johnson, A. M. Under Authority of the Adjutant-General of Connecticut. Hartford, Conn., 1889. pp. 47, 48. Hereinafter cited as, *Record of Connecticut Men*.

[14]*Ibid.*, p. 48.

[15]*Ibid.*, p. 420.

[16]*Livingston Register*. [weekly newspaper]. Jan. 30, 1838. p. 3 as quoted in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Mar. 13, 1974. -- Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas night 1776. The following morning his men fought the Hessians at Trenton. On Jan. 3, 1777, Washington's forces attacked the British port at Princeton. (*The American Heritage Book of the Presidents and Famous Americans*. I. 1967. pp. 32-35).

[17]*Record of Connecticut Men*. 1889. p. 420. -- If the *Livingston Register* article was correct, Graves Hosmer stayed with his unit a few days after his official discharge date. (The Author).

[19]J. Smith. *History of Livingston County*. 1881. p. 429. Graves Hosmer joined the crew of the frigate *Trumbull* in 1779, while the warship lay anchored in the port of New London.

[20]William M. Fowler, Jr. *Rebels Under Sail: The American Navy during the Revolution*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1976. p. 122. Hereinafter cited as, *Rebels Under Sail*.

[21]Col. R. Ernest Dupey, U. S. A. Ret. and Col. Trevor N. Dupey, U. S. A. Ret. *The Compact History of the Revolution War*. New York: Hawthorn Books, Inc., 1968. p. 434.

[22]The Author. Bermuda is southeast of Boston.

[23]Fowler. *Rebels Under Sail*. 1976. pp. 121, 122.

[24]Dupey/Dupey. *The Compact History of the Revolutionary War*. 1968. p. 434. The Dupey's reported that *Watt* had 34 guns and *Trumbull* had 28 guns. *(Ibid.)*.

[25]Fowler. *Rebels Under Sail*. 1976. pp. 121, 122. -- According to the Dupey's, *Watt* and *Trumbull*, " ... fought a drawn action for two and a half hours before they broke off the fight by mutual consent." (Dupey/Dupey. *The Compact History of the Revolutionary*

War. 1968. p. 434).

[26]Mark Mayo Boatner III. *Encyclopedia of the American Revolution*. New York: David Mc Kay Company, Inc., 1964. p. 1124. John Coulthard, captain of *Watt*, reported 11 men killed, 2 men died of wounds, and 79 men wounded. Mr. Boatner noted that the American casualty figures were "suspicious". *(Ibid.)*. -- William Fowler placed *Trumbull's* losses at, six men killed and thirty two wounded." He estimated *Watt's* casualties at "upwards of ninety." (Fowler. *Rebels Under Sail*. p. 122).

[27]*Livingston Register*. Jan. 30, 1838. p. 3 as quoted in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Mar. 13, 1974. Same citation for footnote: 38.

[28]J. Smith. *History of Livingston County*. 1881. p. 429.

Note: *Trumbull* was the last of the original thirteen American frigates. Its sister ships had all been captured or destroyed prior to the *Trumbull-Watt* engagement. (Fowler. *Rebels Under Sail*. 1976. p. 121).

[30]*Pioneer Families*. p. 23; *D.A.R. Patriot Index*. 1967. p. 345. -- Graves' son Prentice [Prentiss] was born in 1790. (Family Bible [published in 1867]. Present Owner [1973]: Merritt Hosmer in: Letter, Mildred Middleton to Ronald Roberts, Aug. 20, 1973).

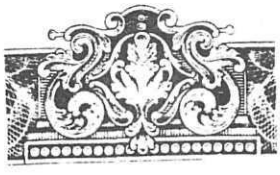
[32]1800 U. S. Federal Census. Avon Township, Ontario County, New York State. p. 378. Listing Graves Hosmer.

[33]See biography on Dr. Timothy Hosmer.

[35]*Livingston County, New York [-] Cemetery Records*. Compiled by East States Mission. Salt Lake City, Utah: Typed by the Genealogical Society, 1945. p. 5. Hereinafter cited as, *Livingston County Cemetery Records*. This source gave his name as, "Rev. Graves Hosmer". *(Ibid.)*.

[36]*Pension Roll of 1835*. New York Pension Roll. Reprinted from: Report From the Secretary of War in Obedience to Resolutions of the Senate of the 5th and 30th of June, 1834, and the 3rd of March 1835, In Relation to the Establishment of the United States; Washington, D. C. 1835. II: Middle Atlantic States. [p. 514 in original]. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968. p. 199.

[37]*D.A.R. Patriot Index*. 1967. p. 345.



εἷς οἰωνὸς ἄριστος, ἀμύνεσθαι περὶ πάτρης.

This is the one best omen, to fight in defense of one's country

-- Homer, 8th Century, B. C.

GUARDIANSHIP

OF

GRAVES HOSMER

KNOW all Men by these Presents, That I Titus Hosmer of Middletown in the County of Middlesex and Colony of Connecticut in New England aforesaid holden, and stand firmly bound and obliged unto Silas Deane Esq; Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Middletown and to his Successors in said Office, in the penal Sum of One Hundred pounds lawful Money of said Colony: To be paid to the said Silas Deane Judge, or to his certain Attorney, or Successors, in said Office To the which Payment well and truly to be made, and done I the said Titus Hosmer do bind myself Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and each and every of them, for, and in the Whole, firmly by these Presents. Signed with my Hand and Sealed with my Seal Dated at Middletown the second Day of October in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of GOD of GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine

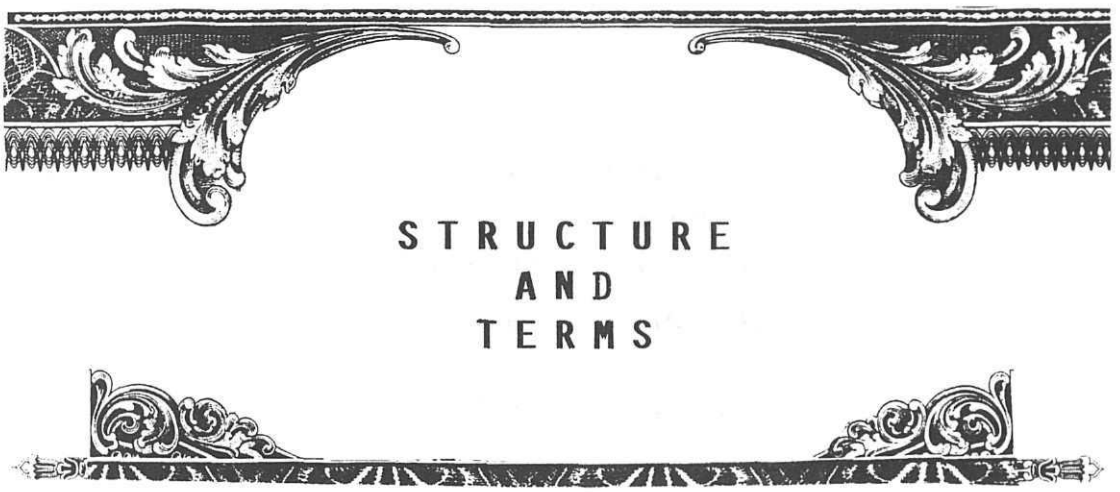
The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Titus Hosmer now elected Guardian to Graves Hosmer Minor Son of Titus Hosmer late of Middletown Minor of the Town of Middletown shall well, truly and faithfully execute and discharge the aforesaid Office of Guardian to the aforesaid Minor in all the Parts thereof, according to the Rules and Directions of the Law in such Case made and provided, and render a true Account of his Guardianship to the Judge (if thereunto required) or to the Ward when arrived to full Age, then this above Obligation to be void and of none Effect: Otherwise to remain in full Force, Power and Virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in Presence of, Titus Hosmer

John Stoughton

Guardian: Titus Hosmer

Dated: October 2, 1769



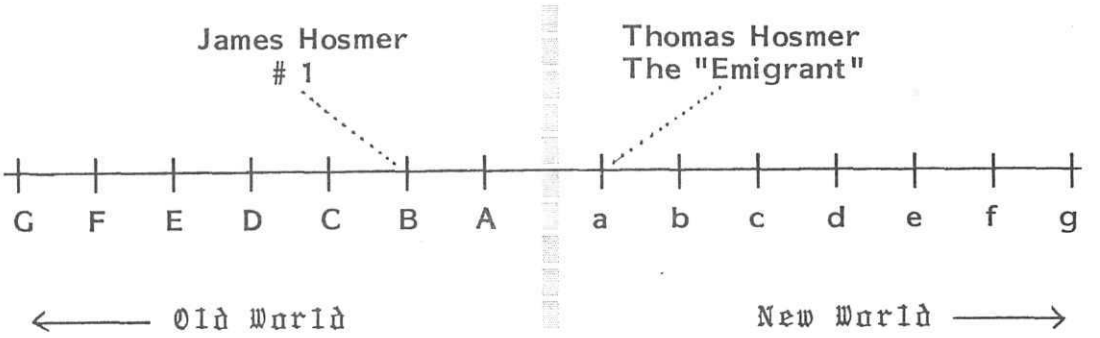
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It is best to do things systematically,
since we are only human, and disorder
is our worst enemy]

-- HESIOD

(*Works and Days*, 8th century,
B. C.)

GENERATIONS



REMARKS

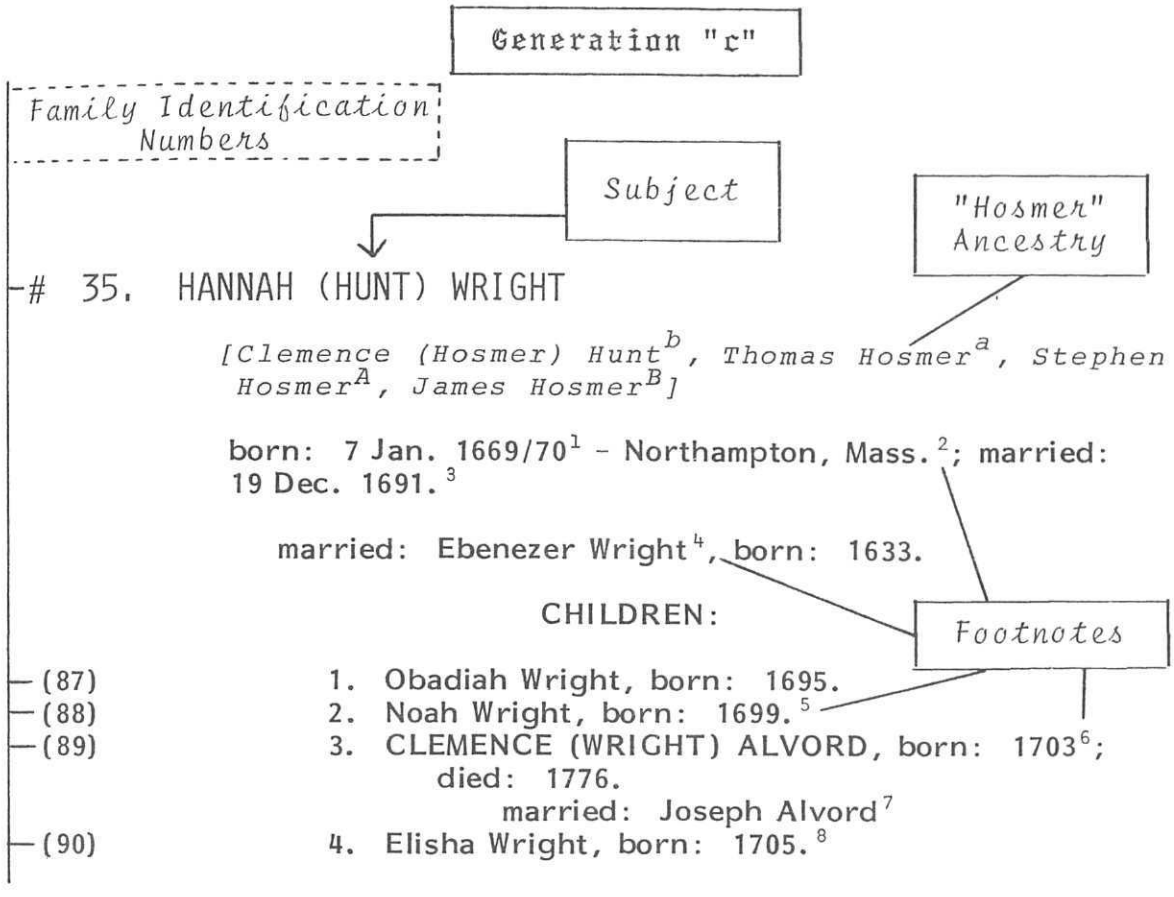
In this study, letters rather than numbers are used to designate generations. The reasons for this are twofold. First, letters avoid confusion with footnote superscripts. Second, letters make it possible to distinguish Old World generations from New World generations.

Upper Case = Old World
Lower Case = New World

In this scheme, generation "A" is the last generation whose members lived entirely in Europe. Generation "B" is the parent generation of "A". In a like manner, generation "C" is the parent generation of "B". Each succeeding letter represents the next older generation.

At the other end of the time sequence, generation "a" is the first generation to come to America. Of course, not all members of this generation crossed the Atlantic. Indeed, most remained in the Old World. Nevertheless, it marked a transition. Those few hardy souls who did come to America were the parents of generation "b". Likewise, generation "b" is the parent generation of "c". So it continues to the present. Most members of the Hosmer family living today are from generations: "j", "k", and "l". In this book, the Hosmer family is traced from generation "B" to generation "f" -- 8 generations -- a period spanning approximately 225 years.

KEY TO GENEALOGICAL LISTINGS



Family Identification Numbers:

Only "blood" descendants of James Hosmer [# 1, generation "B"] have been assigned numbers.

Ancestry:

Ancestry is traced from parent, grandparent, great grandparent etc. In the example above,

[[Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt -- Generation "b" -- was Hannah's mother
Thomas Hosmer -- Generation "a" -- was Hannah's grandfather
Stephen Hosmer -- Generation "A" -- was Hannah's great grandfather
James Hosmer -- Generation "B" -- was Hannah's great great grandfather]]

Next Generation:

Children, whose names are written in capital letters [upper case], have their own listings. In the example above, CLEMENCE (WRIGHT) ALVORD (# 89) appears in generation "d".

Birth Order:

Children are listed in chronological order. Child 1 is the oldest, child 2 is the second oldest, and so on until the youngest child is listed. Where birth information is unavailable, birth order is assumed or based on secondary sources.

A FEW NOTES ON FOOTNOTES

Because a large portion of this book is devoted to footnotes, it is only appropriate that a few comments be directed on their use. Footnotes serve two basic purposes: 1.) they identify the source consulted; and, 2.) they provide additional or conflicting information. To aid the reader, the following guide has been prepared. It lists and explains the various types of footnotes employed in this study.

1. SIMPLE FOOTNOTE:

[1]James B. Hosmer. *Genealogy of the Hosmer Family*. Hartford, Conn.: Steam Press of Elihu Geer, 1861. p. 12. Hereinafter cited as, *Hosmer Family*.

This unencumbered footnote simply identifies the source consulted.

2. *IBID*. FOOTNOTE:

[2]George Leonard Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy: Descendants of James Hosmer Who Emigrated to America in 1635 and Settled in Concord, Mass*. Cambridge, Mass.: Technical Composition Company, 1928. p. 11. Hereinafter cited as, *Hosmer Genealogy*.
[3]*Ibid*., p. 9.

Ibid. is an abbreviation of the Latin word, *Ibidem*, meaning "in the same place". It is a type of shorthand which eliminates the need to copy the footnote which precedes it.

3. COMPOUND FOOTNOTE:

[8]Edmund Cody Burnett. *The Continental Congress*. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1941. p. 344; Articles of Confederation [document]. A National Archives Facsimile.

FOOTNOTES (Cont.)

[9] *Ibid.*, p. 345.
[10] *Ibid.*, p. 343.

A compound footnote has, as the name implies, two or more components. Each component is separated by a semicolon, " ; ". Each component has equal weight. This is a "strong" footnote, meaning that the information was found in more than one source. *Ibid.* footnotes, which immediately follow, refer only to the primary component of the compound footnote -- unless otherwise stated. In the above example, footnotes 9 and 10 refer to: *The Continental Congress*, the primary component of footnote 8.

4. SUPPLEMENTARY FOOTNOTE:

[37] Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* 1977. p. 701. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of his Christian name as, "Prentiss". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 9). -- George Gibbs noted that Prentice Hosmer was a Lt. of the 3rd Regiment of the Connecticut Continental Infantry. (George Gibbs. *The Gibbs Family of Rhode Island and Some Related Families.* New York: Privately Printed, 1933. p. 80).

As the name indicates, this type of footnote provides supplementary material. Besides identifying the source, this footnote gives: 1.) additional pertinent information; 2.) conflicting data; and, 3.) possible explanations and theories. Its purpose is to give a balance view of the information available. If the additional material comes from a source other than the one listed, it is preceded by dash marks " -- ".

5. MULTIPLE FOOTNOTE:

[2] William K. Wright, Esq. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 43. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 9, 11, 13.

To save space, footnotes that are identical in form are grouped together.

FOOTNOTES (Cont.)

This type of footnote is easy to identify as the subsequent identical footnotes are underlined.

6. ABBREVIATED FOOTNOTE:

[3]Samuel G. Drake. *Results of Researches Among the British Archives for Information Relative to the Founders of New England: Made in the years 1858, 1859, and 1860.* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1963. pp. 19, 20. Hereinafter cited as, *Results of Researches.*

[4]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* 1928. pp. 13, 14, 15.

[5]*Ibid.*, p. 16.

[6]Drake. *Results of Researches.* 1963. p. 20.

[7]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 9.

The first time a source is cited, its full bibliographic data is given. Subsequent references to this source will provide only the author's surname, title, date of publication, and page number. Where two or more authors have the same surname, initials are used to differentiate. See footnotes 4 and 7 in the example above.

SPECIAL NOTE - FOOTNOTE NUMBERING:

[8]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* 1977. p. 701. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 12, 14, 19.

[9]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 11. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 13, 15, 17, 20.

[16]Wright. *The Atlantic Frontier.* 1965. p. 72.

[18]*Ibid.*, p. 73.

[21]*Ibid.*, p. 70.

Because of the use of "multiple footnotes", the sequence of footnotes is not always continuous. Where there is a break in the sequence, the reader must find the appropriate "multiple footnote", where the "missing footnote" is listed. An *Ibid.* footnote refers to the footnote immediately preceding it, regardless of sequence.

GENEALOGICAL

LISTINGS

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS
OF
THOMAS HOSMER
(1603 - 1687)

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οἵη περ φύλλων γενεή, τοίη δὲ
καὶ ἀνδρῶν.

Like that of leaves, is a generation of men.

-- HOMER, 8th century, B. C.

LETTER

CONGRESSMAN CRAIG HOSMER TO RONALD ROBERTS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

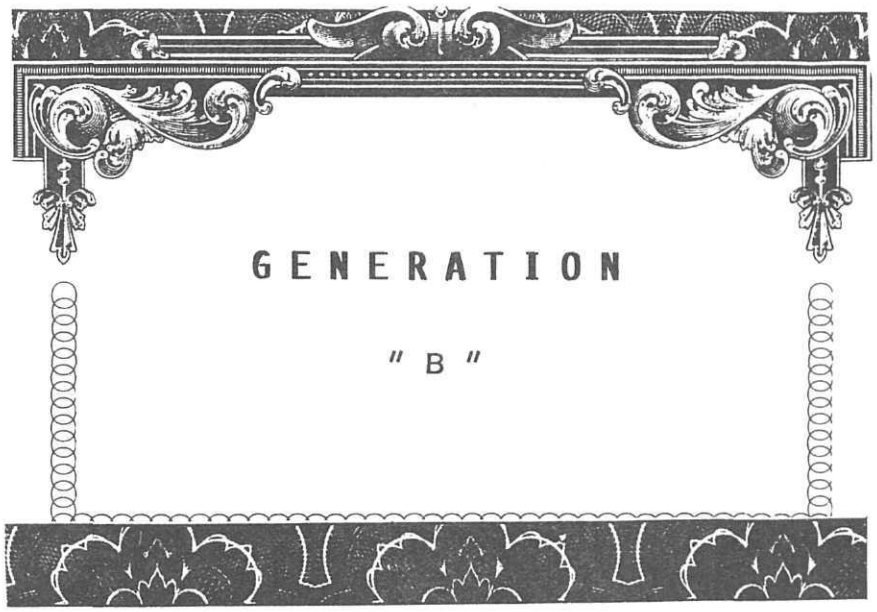
Memo from the desk of

CRAIG HOSMER, M. C. 4/12/73

Dear Mr Roberts -

Many thanks for your letter re the Hosmers. There seems to be two (only) branches of the family - descending from brothers Thomas + James - The Conn. Brand from the 1st + the Mass. branch from the 2nd. I am of the latter. Mary Rosebrugh Hosmer of Freeport, Ill. recently did a monograph on the Conn. branch. She seeks addtl genealogical data. You may wish to contact her. I do not have a more complete address.

Resply
Craig Hosmer



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To forget one's ancestors is
to be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root.

-- Chinese proverb

Generation "B"

1. JAMES HOSMER

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died: 1605; Place of Residence: Ticehurst, Co. Sussex, England.

married: Agnes _____, died: 1614[1]; buried: 9 Sept. 1614 - Ticehurst, Sussex.[2]

CHILDREN:

(2) 1. Martha Hosmer, died: 1572[3]; buried: 25 June 1572 - Ticehurst, Sussex.[4]

(3) 2. STEPHEN HOSMER, baptized: 26 Dec. 1570[5] - Ticehurst, Sussex[6]; died: 1632[7]; buried: 24 May 1633 - Hawkhurst, Kent, England.[8]
married: Dorothy Selden

(4) 3. Thomas Hosmer, baptized: 1572.[9]

(5) 4. JAMES HOSMER, baptized: 12 Feb. 1575/76[10] - Ticehurst, Sussex.[11]
married: Kathrine Iddenden[12]

(6) 5. Ann (Hosmer) Martin, baptized: 1 Nov. 1578[13] - Ticehurst, Sussex[14]; married: 4 Nov. 1605 - Hawkhurst, Kent.[15]
married: John Martin[16]

(7) 6. Wyllaym Hosmer, baptized: 18 June 1581 - Ticehurst, Sussex.[17]

(8) 7. Jane Hosmer, baptized: 24 Sept. 1587 - Ticehurst, Sussex.[18]

[1] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 11. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 7, 9.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 6.

[4] *Parish Registers: Ticehurst.* p. 58.

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 8; G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 9.

[6] *Ibid.; Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer.* p. 1.

[8] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 12. Note: For this information, Mr. Hosmer relied on, "Extracts from the Parish Register of Hawkhurst in Kent, England, copied from returns deposited in the Will office at Canterbury, by Mr. H. G. Somerby of Boston, Mass." -- George Leonard Hosmer relied, in part, for his information on the Hawkhurst Parish Register, on the data collected by Dr. G. E. Harmon. Dr. Harmon copied the date of Stephen Hosmer's burial as, 24 May 1632. (G. L.

Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10).

[10] *Parish Registers: Ticehurst*. p. 11. -- George Leonard Hosmer gave the year of James' baptism as, "1576". (G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 11).

[11] *Ibid.*

[12] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10.

[13] *Parish Registers: Ticehurst*. p. 12. -- George Leonard Hosmer also gave the year of Anne's baptism as, "1587". (G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 11). -- James B. Hosmer, who relied on Somerby's "Extracts", gave her name as, "Anne Hismere". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12).

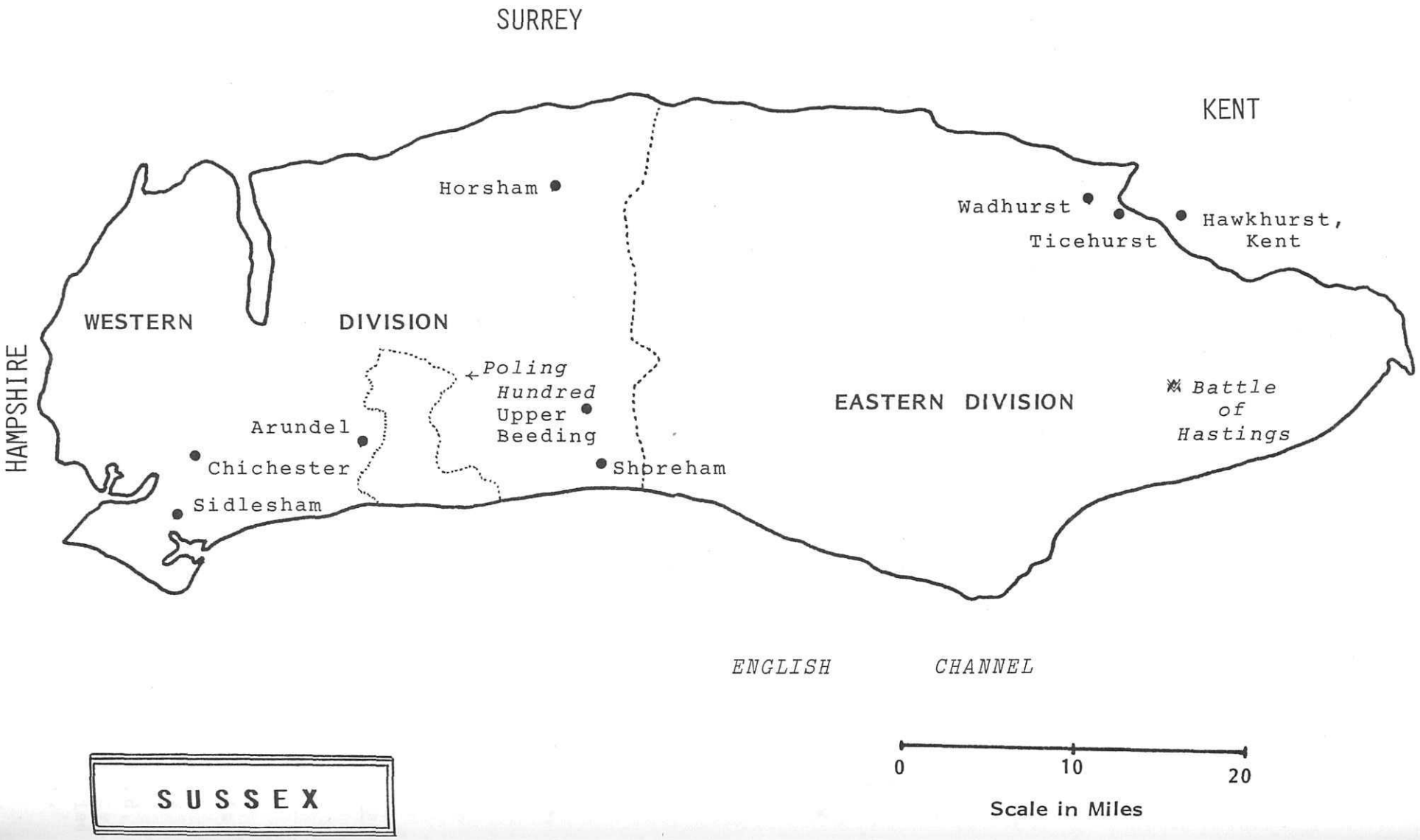
[14] *Ibid.*

[15] *Parish Registers of Hawkhurst, Kent, England*. Searched by Rev. A. S. M. Leese. The Vicarage. Hawkhurst, Kent, England, June 28, 1973. -- James B. Hosmer, who relied on Somerby's "Extracts", gave the date of marriage as, 8 Nov. 1605. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12).

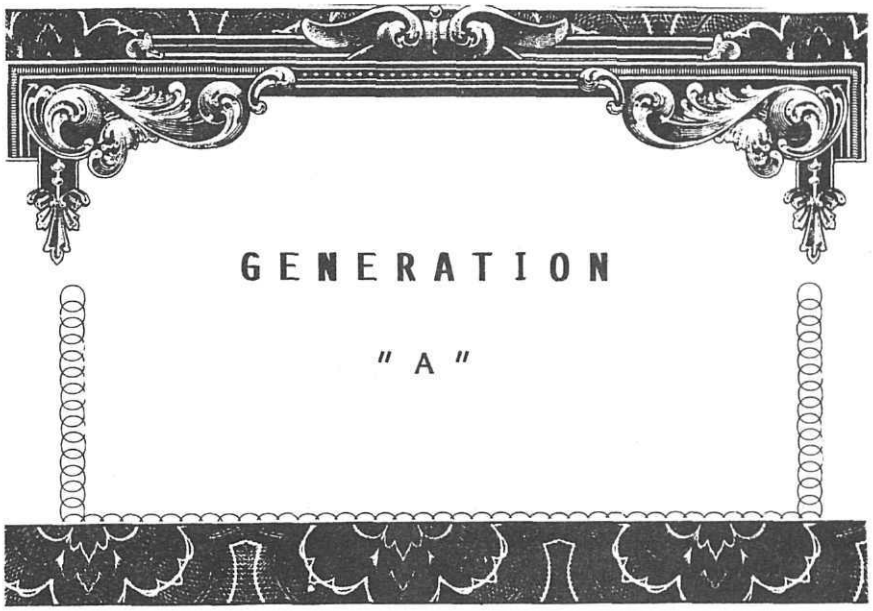
[16] G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 11; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12. -- Rev. Leese copied the name of Ann's husband as, "John Martyn". (*Parish Registers of Hawkhurst, Kent, England*. Searched by Rev. A. S. M. Leese. The Vicarage. Hawkhurst, Kent, England, June 28, 1973).

[17] *Parish Registers: Ticehurst*. p. 14. This source noted that Wyllaym was the son of "James Hesmer. *(Ibid.)*.

[18] *Ibid.*, p. 17.


SURREY
KENT
HAMPSHIRE
Horsham
Wadhurst
Ticehurst
Hawkhurst, Kent
WESTERN DIVISION
EASTERN DIVISION
Poling
Hundred
Upper
Beeding
Arundel
Chichester
Sidlesham
Shoreham
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ENGLISH CHANNEL
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Scale in Miles

SUSSEX



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Noble and common blood is of
the same color.

-- German proverb

Generation "A"

3. STEPHEN HOSMER

[James Hosmer^B]

baptized: 26 Dec. 1570[1] - Ticehurst, Sussex, England[2]; married: 25 Jan. 1601 - Ticehurst, Sussex[3]; buried: 24 May 1633 - Hawkhurst, Kent, England[4]; Occupation: "Shearman"[5]; Place of Residence: Hawkhurst, Kent - Arrived 1602.[6]

married: Dorothy Selden, born: about 1582[7]; buried: 5 Feb. 1640 - Hawkhurst, Kent, England.

CHILDREN:

(9) 1. THOMAS HOSMER, baptized: 2 Jan. 1603 - Hawkhurst, Kent[8]; died: 12 Apr. 1687 - Northampton, Mass.
1st marriage: Frances _____[9]
2nd marriage: Katherine Hoskins[10]

(10) 2. Stephen Hosmer, baptized: 16 Sept. 1604 - Hawkhurst, Kent[11]; died: 1605[12]; buried: 11 Jan. 1604/05.[13]

(11) 3. JAMES HOSMER, baptized: 6 Dec. 1605 - Hawkhurst, Kent[14]; died: 7 Feb. 1685[15] - Concord, Mass.[16]
1st marriage: Ann _____[17]
2nd marriage: Mary _____
3rd marriage: Alice _____[18]

(12) 4. William Hosmer, baptized: 8 June 1608 - Hawkhurst, Kent[19]; Place of Residence: Burwash, [Sussex].[20]

(13) 5. MARY (HOSMER) HUCKSTEP, baptized: 10 Dec. 1609 - Hawkhurst, Kent.[21]
married: Nehemiah Huckstep[22]

(14) 6. Anne (Hosmer) Poyle, baptized: 29 Sept. 1611 - Hawkhurst, Kent[23]; married: 1633.
married: Alexander Poyle[24]

(15) 7. John Hosmer, baptized: 30 Apr. 1615 - Hawkhurst, Kent[25]; died: 1615[26]; buried: 22 Sept. 1615.[27]

(16) 8. John Hosmer, baptized: 26 Apr. 1618 - Hawkhurst, Kent[28]; died: 1644[29]; Occupation: Clothworker.[30]
married: _____[31]

(17) 9. Stephen Hosmer, baptized: 13 Mar. 1621 - Hawkhurst, Kent; buried: 31 Aug. 1622 - Hawkhurst, Kent.[32]

[1]*Parish Registers: Ticehurst.* p. 8; G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 9. For this information, George Leonard Hosmer relied on the data collected by Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett, a Boston genealogist. -- Mary Rosebrugh Hosmer gave Stephen's baptismal date as, 20 Dec. 1570. (*Genealogy of Zechariah*

Hosmer. p. 1).

[2]*Ibid.; Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. p. 1.

[3]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 9.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12. For this information, James B. Hosmer relied on Somerby's "Extracts". Same citation for footnotes: 8, 11, 19, 23.

[5]Abstract of the Will of Stephen Hosmer in *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10.

[6]*Selden Ancestry*. p. 22. Same citation for footnote: 13.

[7]*Ibid.;* G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 9.

[9]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 3.

[10]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321.

[12]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 11. Same citation for footnotes: 24, 26, 29.

[14]*Ibid.*, p. 10. George Leonard Hosmer obtained this information from the data collected by Dr. G. E. Harmon.

[15]Charles Henry Pope. *The Pioneers of Massachusetts: A Descriptive List, Drawn from Records of the Colonies, Towns and Churches and other Contemporaneous Documents*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965. p. 241. Hereinafter cited as, *Pioneers of Massachusetts; Selden Ancestry*. p. 22.

[16]*Ibid.;* G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 21; *Selden Ancestry*. p. 22.

[17]*The Original List of Persons of Quality 1600-1700*. Edited by John Camden Hotten. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1962. pp. 53, 54. *Selden Ancestry*. p. 22.

[18]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 16. George Leonard Hosmer relied on early Boston records for this information.

[20]Abstract of the Will of John Hosmer in *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10. Same citation for footnote: 30.

[21]*Parish Registers of Hawkhurst, Kent, England*. Searched by Rev. A. S. M. Leese. The Vicarage. Hawkhurst, Kent, England, June 28, 1973; G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 6.

[22]*Ibid.* -- Sophie Selden Rogers *et al.* gave the name of Mary's husband as, "Nehemiah Hinchstepp". (*Selden Ancestry*. p. 22).

[25]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 6; *Selden Ancestry*. p. 23.

[27]*Selden Ancestry*. p. 23. -- James B. Hosmer, who relied on Somerby's "Extracts", gave the date of burial as, 22 Sept. 1617. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12).

[28]*Parish Registers of Hawkhurst, Kent, England*. Searched by Rev. A. S. M. Leese. The Vicarage. Hawkhurst, Kent, England, June 28, 1973. -- James B. Hosmer, who relied on Somerby's "Extract", listed two John Hosmers (both given as the sons of "Stephen Hosmere"). The first was baptized, 26 Apr. 1617; the second was baptized, 26 Apr. 1619. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12).

[31]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10.

[32]*Parish Registers of Hawkhurst, Kent, England*. Searched by Rev. A. S. M. Leese. The Vicarage. Hawkhurst, Kent, England, June 28, 1973; G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 6. George Leonard Hosmer, who relied on the data collected by Dr. G. E. Harmon, also gave the date of burial as, 31 Aug. 1622. (*Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10). -- James B. Hosmer, who relied on Somerby's "Extracts", gave the date of burial as, 31 Aug. 1623. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12).

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ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF STEPHEN HOSMER [# 3]

Will of Stephen Osmore of Hawkhurst, Co. Kent, shearman, dated Jan. 5, 1631/2. To the poor of Hawkhurst 10s. To wife Dorothy for life, an annuity of 50s. to be paid quarterly at the usual feast days, my executor to give her a bond of £80 for payment of the same. To my son Thomas Osmere £40 after the death of my wife, to be paid by my executor, who shall give bond of £80 for the payment of the same. To my son James Osmere 12d. To my daughter Mary, wife of Nehemiah Huckstep 10s. If my wife die before my son John Osmer be twenty-two, he to have £40 at that age, otherwise he to have that sum after the decease of my wife. To my daughter Anne Osmere £30 at twenty-two or marriage. To my grandson John Huckstep £5 at the decease of my wife. To my wife Dorothy certain furniture. All residue to my son William Osmere, whom I make my sole executor.

My house and lands purchased by me of George Peene and his mother, I give to my son William Osmere, he paying the legacies to my sons Thomas and John. Witnesses: William Pixe, George Pixe, and Richard Kilburn. Proved June 6, 1632. [from: Archdeaconry of Canterbury, Vol. 68, p. 360].

SOURCE: G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10.

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ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF JOHN HOSMER [# 16]

The will of John Hosmer of Hawkhurst, Co. Kent, clothworker, dated Jan. 24, 1643/4. To my wife all goods she brought with her at marriage, and to her also £80. To my sister Housted (Huskstep) £15. To my sister Poyle £10. To my brother William Hosmer now living at Burwash £25, and make him my executor. Witnesses: Samuel Newington, Robert Pemell, Proved July 10, 1644. [from: Archdeaconry of Canterbury, 1644, no. 498].

SOURCE: G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10.

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5. JAMES HOSMER

[James Hosmer^{B}]

baptized: 12 Feb. 1575/76[1] - Ticehurst, Sussex[2]; married: 6 July 1601 - Hawkhurst, Kent.

married: Katherine Iddenden[3], baptized: 23 Feb. 1577/78 - Cranbrook, Kent.[4]

CHILD:

(18) 1. John Hosmer, baptized: 1 June 1602 - Hawkhurst, Kent.[5]

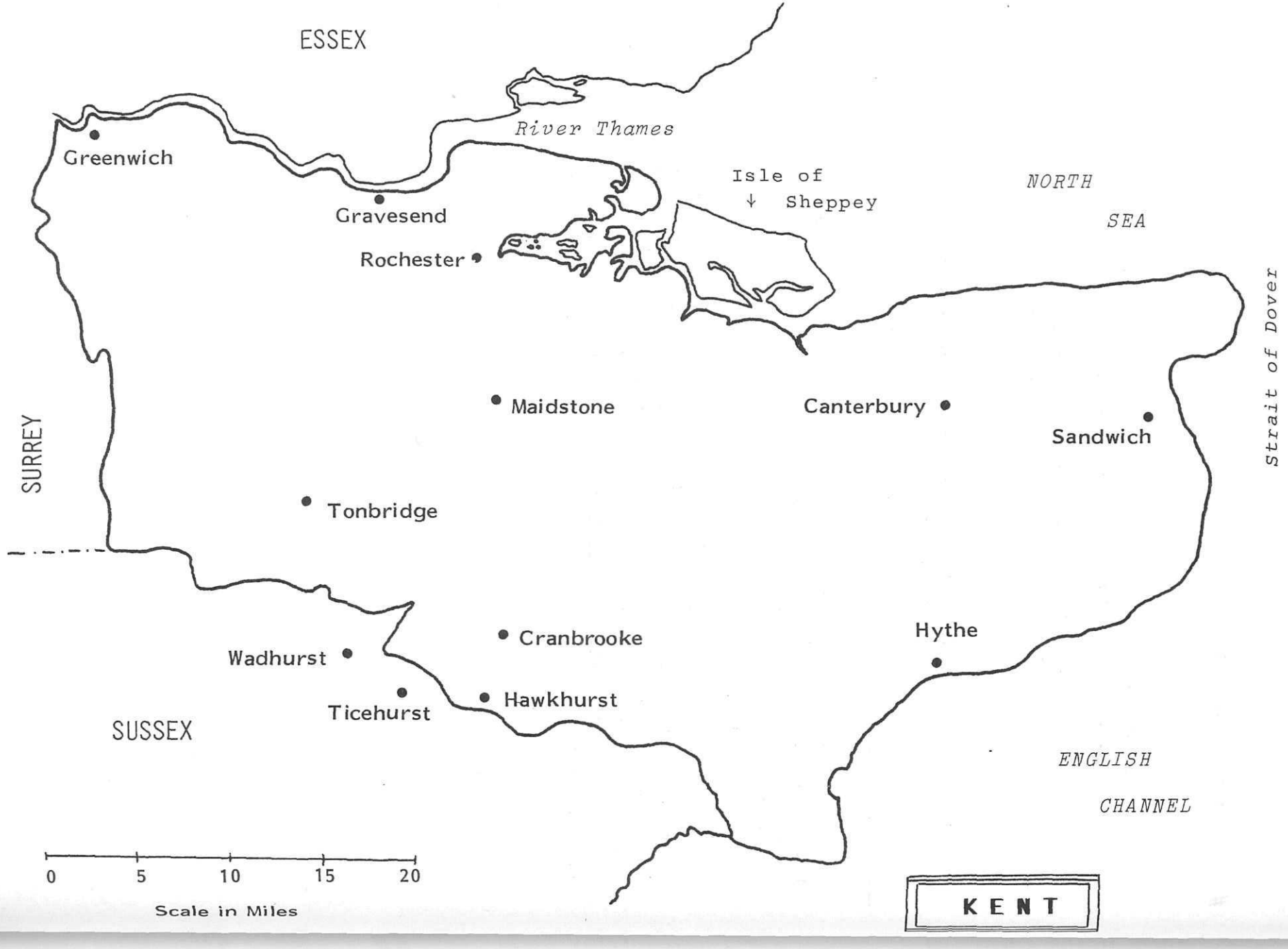
[1]*Parish Registers: Ticehurst.* p. 11. -- George Leonard Hosmer gave the year of James' baptism as, "1576". (G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 11).

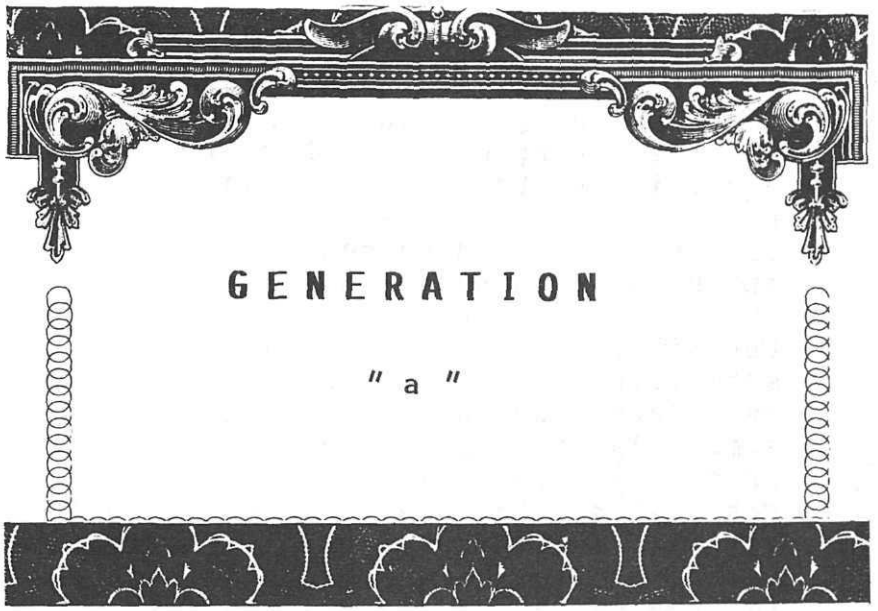
[2]*Ibid.*

[3]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. pp. 8, 10. George Leonard Hosmer obtained this information from the data collected by Dr. G. E. Harmon. Same citation for footnote: 5.

[4]"Genealogical Research in England". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* LXVIII (Apr., 1914), 189. Katherine was the daughter of John and Christian (Mercer) Iddenden. This source incorrectly gave the name of Katherine's husband as, Stephen Hosmer.

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River Thames
Greenwich
Gravesend
Rochester
Isle of
Sheppey
NORTH
SEA
Strait of Dover
Maidstone
Canterbury
Sandwich
SURREY
Tonbridge
Cranbrooke
Hythe
Wadhurst
Hawkhurst
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Scale in Miles
KENT



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Le plus beau patrimoine est un nom révéré.

The finest inheritance is a respected name.

-- VICTOR HUGO

(Odes et Ballades)

THE OATH OF FREEMEN IN MASSACHUSETTS

(Approved by the Massachusetts General Court, May 14, 1634)

I ... Being By God's Providence an inhabitant and freeman within the jurisdiction of this commonwealth, do freely acknowledge myself to be subject to the government thereof; and therefore do swear by the great and dreadful name of the everliving God that I will be true and faithful to the same, and will accordingly yield assistance and support thereunto with my person and estate, as in equity I am bound; and will also truly endeavor to maintain and preserve all the liberties and privileges thereof, submitting myself to the wholesome laws and orders made and established by the same. And further, that I will not plot or practise any evil against it, or consent to any that shall so do; but will timely discover and reveal the same to lawful authority now here established for the speedy preventing thereof.

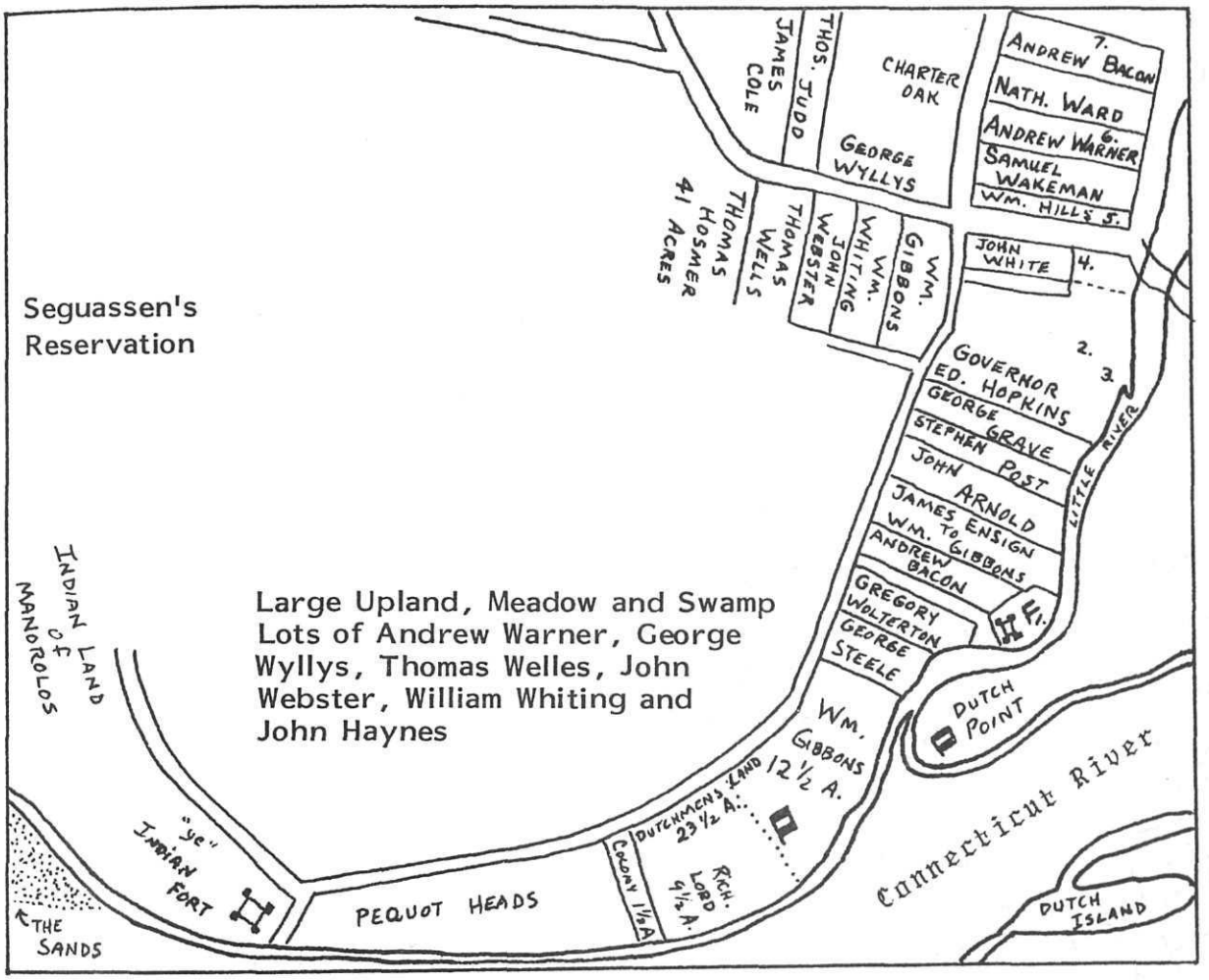
Moreover, I do solemnly bind myself in the sight of God that, when I shall be called to give my voice touching any such matter of this state, in which freemen are to deal, I will give my vote and suffrage as I shall judge in my own conscience may best conduce and tend to the public weal of the body, without respect of persons or favor of any man. So help me God in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Source: *The Oath of Freemen in Massachusetts* in *The Annals of America. Vol. I: 1493-1754 Discovering a New World.* William Benton, Publisher. Chicago: Encyclopædia Brittanica, Inc., 1968. p. 148.

HARTFORD

The South-Side Plantation

1636



Key to Reference Numbers:

1. Dutch House of Hope
2. Governor Hopkins House
3. Hopkin-Whiting Warehouse
4. Major James Richards House
5. First School House
6. Hopkins Grammar School
7. First Meeting House of South Church

Adapted from map originally prepared by Wm. De Loss Love in:

Rev. William De Loss Love. *The Colonial History of Hartford: Gathered From the Original Records.* Hartford, Conn.: "published by the author", 1914. Map opposite p. 108.



HARTFORD, 1640

KEY TO MAP: HARTFORD, 1640

* Lots South of Little River *

1. John Wilcock
2. Ralph Keeler
3. William Gibbons
 John Hale
4. William Blumfield
5. William Andrews
6. John Hopkins
7. Thomas Alcock
 Arthur Smith
8. Jonas Inco (to)
 John Cullick
9. G. Wilterton
10. Thomas Bunce
11. Joseph Mygatt
12. Francis Andrews
13. Richard Butler
14. John Boysey
15. Joseph Easton
16. Jeremy Adam
17. James Ensign
18. G. Hubbard
19. George Graves
20. Arthur Smith (½ to)
 J. Barnard
21. J. Wal___
22. John Barnard
23. Gregory Wilterton
24. Sam. Greenhill
25. Andrew Bacon
26. Nathaniel Ward
27. Andrew Warner
28. Sam. Wakeman
29. William Hills
30. John White
31. Edward Hopkins
32. John Serles
33. Thomas Richards
34. Robert Bartlett
35. J. Barnard
36. William Holton
37. Thomas Selden
38. William Holton
39. Thomas Bliss
40. Paul Peck
41. Thomas Bliss Jr.
42. Henry Wakeley
43. Richard Watts
44. William Watts
45. William Wesley
46. Edward Leary
47. John Olmsted
48. J. Pierce
49. Richard Risley
50. George Steele
51. George Steele
52. George Stocking
53. Stephen Post
54. Philip Davis (to)
 Nathaniel Ward
55. Thomas Bull
56. Richard Lyman
57. John Arnold
58. William Hide
59. T. H. Gridley
60. John Moody
61. John White
62. Gilco Smith
63. George Wyllys
64. Thomas Judd
65. James Cole
66. William Gibbins
67. William Whiting
68. John Webster
69. Thomas Welles
70. THOMAS HOSMER

* Lots North of Little River *

71. Nathaniel Richards
72. Thomas Stanton
73. William Wadsworth

KEY TO MAP: HARTFORD, 1640
(Cont.)

74. William Rusco
75. William Parker
76. John Clark
77. Thomas Birchwood
 Richard Lord
78. Ozias Goodwin
79. Zachariah Field
80. Thomas Hales
81. John Purchas
82. William Phillips
83. Thomas Munson (to)
 Nathaniel Kellogg
84. Thomas Lord Jr.
85. Richard Lord
86. Thomas Lord
87. Thomas Standley
88. Richard Olmsted
89. John Skinner (to)
 Richard Olmsted
90. Samuel White___ (to)
 Richard Lord
91. Seth Grant (to)
 Mary Betts
92. Seth Grant (to)
 John Biddell
93. Seth Grant
94. Edward Hopkins (to)
 Thomas Olcott
95. John Haynes (to)
 John Pratt
96. John Pratt
97. John Maynard
98. Richard Webb
99. Mrs. Dorothy Chester
100. William Goodwin Eld.
101. Samuel Stone
102. John Steele
103. Clement Chaplin
104. Richard Goodman
105. William Lewis
106. John Talcott
107. Edward Elmer
108. Nathaniel Ely
109. Robert Day
110. William Kelsey
111. Thomas Hooker
112. Richard Webb (to)
 John Haynes
113. James Olmsted
114. William Pantry
115. Thomas Scott
116. J. Cole
117. _____
118. Edward Stebbins
119. Timothy Standley
120. John Stone (to)
 John Marsh
121. William Butler
122. Nath. Allen
 John Barnard (to)
 Thomas Woodford
123. William Westwood
124. Stephen Hart
125. Matthew Marvin
126. Nicholas Clark
127. John Holoway
128. Thomas Spencer
129. William Spencer (to)
 Richard Church
130. William Kelsey
131. Zachariah Field
132. Stephen Hart
133. Thomas Root
134. Benjamin Mann
135. Samuel [Hales ?]
136. Benjamin Burr
137. John Warner
138. Matthew Marvin
139. William Pratt
140. Thomas Hongerfort (t
 Nicholas Ginnings
141. John Skinner
142. John Morrice
143. Nathaniel Barding
144. John Ginnings
145. John Hall (to)
 William Spencer

SOURCE; Map: Hartford in 1640. Prepared from the Original Records. Drawn by William S. Porter.

Generation "a"

9. THOMAS HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

baptized: 2 Jan. 1603 - Hawkhurst, Kent, England[1]; 2nd marriage: on or about 6 May 1679 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 12 Apr. 1687 - Northampton, Mass.; buried: Northampton, Mass.[2]; Arrival in America: prior to 1632[3]; Religion: Congregational[4]; Places of Residence: Hawkhurst, Kent, England; Newtowne (Cambridge), Mass. - prior to 1632[5]; Hartford, Conn. - June 1636[6]; Northampton, Mass.[7]

1st marriage: Frances _____, born: 1602; died: 15 Feb. 1675[8] - Hartford, Conn.[9]; buried: Hartford, Conn.[10]

CHILDREN:

(19) 1. CLEMENCE (HOSMER) HUNT/SMITH[11], born: 1642; died: 1698[12] - Hartford, Conn.[13]
1st marriage: Jonathan Hunt[14]
2nd marriage: John Smith[15]

(20) 2. STEPHEN HOSMER, born: 1645[16] - Hartford, Conn.[17]; died: 4 Nov. 1693.
married: Hannah Bushnell

(21) 3. HANNAH (HOSMER) WILLARD/MALTBY[18]; born: 1649[19] - Hartford, Conn.[20]; died: Sometime between 1689 and 1692.[21]
1st marriage: Josiah Willard[22]
2nd marriage: William Maltby[23]

(22) 4. HESTER (HOSMER) BUCKINGHAM, born: 1652; died: 3 June 1702.[24]
married: Thomas Buckingham[25]

2nd marriage: Katherine Hoskins (widow of Lt. David Wilton)[26]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 12. For this information, James B. Hosmer relied on Somerby's "Extracts". -- Sophie Selden Rogers *et al.* gave the date of Thomas' baptism as, "January 2, 1602-03". (*Selden Ancestry*. p. 22).

[2]*Ibid.*, p. 3; *Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. p. 1.

[3]G. H. G. [George Harvey Genzmer]. "William Howe Cuyler Hosmer". *Dictionary of American Biography*. V. Part I. 1961. p. 245.

[4]Love. *Colonial History of Hartford*. p. 33.

[5]"William Howe Cuyler Hosmer". *Dictionary of American Biography*. V. Part I. p. 245. -- The exact date of Thomas Hosmer's arrival in Newtowne (present day Cambridge) is

unknown. Several sources, however, have definitely established him in Newtowne in 1632. (*Memorial History of Hartford County*. I. p. 247); (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 3); (G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. pp. 13, 14); (*Records of Cambridge*. II. pp. 4, 5).

[6]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 3.

[7]*Pioneer Families*. p. 22. W. H. C. Hosmer and the other members of the publication committee did not give the exact year of Thomas' arrival in Northampton, but they did note that it was, "a few years prior to his death". *(Ibid.)*.

[8]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 18.

[9]Letter, Harriet A. Hosmer to Miss Richards [of Providence, Rhode Island], Dec. 18, 1900.

[10]*Hosmer Family Record*. p. 2. This typed manuscript gave the following account: "Frances his [Thomas'] wife died Feb. 15, 1675. The stone at the head of her grave in the old burying ground in Hartford, Connecticut is now standing (1841)." *(ibid.)*. -- Harriet A. Hosmer wrote in 1900 that Frances' tombstone was, " ... one of the oldest there." (Letter, Harriet A. Hosmer to Miss Richards [of Providence, Rhode Island], Dec. 18, 1900).

[11]*Memorial History of Hartford County*. I. p. 247. Same citation for footnote: 15.

[12]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4; *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 108. -- George Sheldon gave Clemence's date of death as, 8 July 1689. (George Sheldon. *A History of Deerfield, Massachusetts*. A facsimile of the 1895-96 edition published in recognition of the tercentenary of the town of Deerfield in 1973 with a new foreword by Amelia F. Miller and Donald R. Friary. II. Deerfield, Mass.: New Hampshire Publishing Company, Somerworth in collaboration with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, 1972. p. 218. Hereinafter cited as, *History of Deerfield*). George Sheldon apparently confused mother and daughter. Clemence, the daughter, died, 8 July 1689.

[13]Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 3, 1978.

[14]*Memorial History of Hartford County*. I. p. 247; *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 108.

[17]Computer File Index. Region: North America. State: Connecticut. Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[19]*Pioneer Families*. p. 22. -- The Computer File Index gave Hannah's year of birth as, 1639. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330).

[20]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330.

[21]*The Compendium of American Genealogy: The Standard Genealogical Encyclopedia of the First Families of America*. Edited by Frederick Adams Virkus. IV. Chicago: The Virkus Company, 1930. p. 51. Same citation for footnote: 23. This multivolume set was published by three different publishers. Early volumes were titled: *The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy: The Standard Genealogical Encyclopedia of the First Families of America*. All volumes in the set hereinafter cited as, *Compendium of American Genealogy*.

[22]"Memoirs of Deceased Members of the New England Historic Genealogical Society". Prepared by Rev. Arthur Wilmot Ackerman. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXXI (Apr., 1927), 190.

[24]*Pioneer Families*. p. 22.

[25]"Genealogical Department". *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*. LVI (Aug., 1922), 476.

[26]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321. Katherine was the daughter of John and Ann (Filer) Hoskins. *(ibid.)*. -- James B. Hosmer also reported that Thomas' 2nd wife was Katherine, widow of David Wilton (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 3).

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THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS HOSMER

I Thomas Hosmer, being aged and weak in body, not knowing the day of my death, doe count it my duty, that now while I have my perfect understanding and memory, to make this my last will and testament — in the disposing of what estate the Lord hath graciously given me.

Imps. I give to my loving wife five pounds, and the agreement to be made good that was made betwixt her and myself upon the account of marriage, and if she desires it, to live in the house, and as she now liveth, the time of her widowhood.

It. I give unto my grandson, Thomas Hosmer, one-third part of all my lands in Hartford, except what is otherwise disposed of by my will; also twenty pounds to stock said land, all to be delivered him at twenty-one years of age, and in case he dyed before he attayne that age, then to be divided equally betwixt my son Stephen's sons.

It. I give to my son Buckingham one hundred and fifty pounds, part whereof is in his owne hands. *It*. I give unto my daughter Hunt, one hundred and twenty-five pounds, whereof the greater part is in her hands. *It*. I give unto my daughter, Hannah Malby, eighteen pounds, to her and her heirs forever, which is the reversion due to me of the estate of Josias Willard in Wethersfield. *It*. I give unto my son-in-law, Malby, five pounds. *It*. I give unto my three grand-children, Thomas Buckingham, Thomas Hunt and Hannah Hosmer, five pounds apiece, and to the rest of my grand-children, forty shillings apiece, to be paid the men at twenty-one years of age, the women at eighteen years of age; also, if any of my children shall bring up any of their children to learning so as to make them fitt for publique service, to each such

WILL - THOMAS HOSMER
(Cont.)

grand-child I doe bequeath ten pounds apiece to be payed them at the age of twenty-one years, or to their parents. *It.* I give five pounds towards a free school in Hartford, to be payed when there is any such settled effectually. I give to the poor forty shillings, as my executors shall see fit.

It. I give my books to be equally divided betwixt my son Buckingham and my son Stephen. *It.* I give to the Rev. Mr. John Whiting five pounds. *It.* I give to my daughter Hunt and to my daughter Buckingham, twenty shillings apiece in money. *It.* I give to my son Buckingham, in money, forty shillings. *It.* I give to Reverend Mr. Samuel Hooker, in money, forty shillings. *It.* I give unto my son, Stephen Hosmer, three acres of my meadow land lying next Mr. Hooker, in Hartford south meadow, and my now dwelling house and barn, and yard, and orchard, whome also I appoynt and ordain my sole executor of this my last will and testament. *It.* I give unto my daughter, Hannah Malby, forty shillings in money, and in case she should live to be a widow and in want, I do bequeath her twenty pounds more to be payd her as she needs it. *It.* I doe give unto the children of my kinsman, Thomas Seldon, forty shillings. And that is my last will and testament, I doe hereby ratify and confirm, by setting my hand and seale, this twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand six hundred and eighty-five.

THOMAS HOSMER, and a seale

In presence of

John Willson,
Nathaniel Cole,
Ichabod Wells.

The executor to have one year's time to pay the legacies after my decease.

SOURCE: J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. pp. 13, 14.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
THOMAS SELDEN

I Thomas Selden of Hartford upon the river of Connecticutt being ill & weak in body but having my perfect memory and understanding Doe mak & Ordain this to be my last will & Testament Whearin I giv & bequeath unto my dear and loving wif Hester Selden a duble portion of my whoal estat. Alsoe I will & bequeath a duble portion of my real estat to my Eldest Son Thomas Selden Alsoe I will & bequeath to the rest of my children Mary Joseph Hanna & Sara Selden an equall portion of my estat that is to say half soe much to every on of them as I have given to my wif & eldest son Alsoe my will is that ten pounds be taken from the portion I hav given to my Eldest Son and that it be added to the portion I have given to my wif. Further my will is that for the bringing up off my children if the improvement of their portions be not sufficient to defray the charges thearof then during the Tim of my wif her widdowhood shee shall hav liberty to abat from their portions in an equall proportion what shee shall see needfull Alsoe my Will is that these portions I hav given to my children be paid to my sons at the adg of on & twenty yeares & to my Daughters at the adg of Eighteen yeares old And if any of them shall dye befor that adg or the Day of their mariag that the portion or portions of the dead shall be my wives. That this my last Will & Testament be faithfully performed I ordain & mak my loving wif Hester Selden my Soale Execetrix And doe intreat my faithfull and loving ffriends my Brother Mr. John Wakman & my Cosin Thomas Osmer to be overseers to this my will.

In witness that this I mak to be my last will & Testament I hav heerunto Set my hand this ffourteenth day of August 1655

Witnesses heerunto [signed]

John Barnarde THOMAS SELDEN Seale

James Ensing

SOURCE: *Selden Ancestry: A Family History Giving the Ancestors and Descendants of George Shattuck Selden and His Wife Elizabeth Wright Clark.* Compiled by Sophie Selden Rogers, Elizabeth Selden Lane, Edwin van Deusen Selden. Oil City, Penn.: Edwin van Deusen Selden, 1932. p. 29.

Note: Thomas Selden (1616/17-1655) and Thomas Hosmer (1602/03-1687) were first cousins. Thomas Selden was the son of John Selden and the nephew of Dorothy (Selden) Hosmer.

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11. JAMES HOSMER

[stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

baptized: 6 Dec. 1605 - Hawkhurst, Kent, England[1]; died: 7 Feb. 1685 - Concord, Mass.[2]; Arrival in America: "Elizabeth" [ship] departed London, 9 Apr. 1635; Occupation: Clothier[3]; Places of Residence: Hawkhurst, Kent, England; Cambridge, Mass. - Arrived, [summer] 1635; Concord, Mass.[4]

1st marriage: Ann _____[5], born: about 1606.

CHILDREN:

(23) 1. Marie Hosmer, born: about 1633.
(24) 2. Ann Hosmer, born: about Jan. 1634/35.[6]

2nd marriage: Mary _____, buried: "11° (3°) 1641".

CHILDREN:

(25) 3. James Hosmer, born: 1637[7]; married: 1658; died: 21 Apr. 1676 - Sudbury (killed by Indians).
married: Sarah White[8]
(26) 4. Mary Hosmer, born: "10° (11°) 1639"; died: "18°. (6°.) 1642".[9]

3rd marriage: Alice _____, died: 3 Mar. 1664/65.[10]

CHILDREN:

(27) 5. Stephen Hosmer, born: "27°. (9°.) 1642"[11]; married: 1667[12]; died: 1717.[13]
married: Abigail Wood[14]
(28) 6. Hannah (Hosmer) Hayward, born: "16 (6) 1644".[15]
married: Joseph Hayward[16]
(29) 7. Mary (Hosmer) Smith, born: "14th. (2) mo." [1650].[17]
married: Thomas Smith[18]

[1]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. p. 10. George Leonard Hosmer obtained this information from the data collected by Dr. G. E. Harmon.

[2]*Ibid.; Pioneers of Massachusetts*. p. 241.

[3]Samuel G. Drake. *Results of Researches Among the British Archives for Information Relative to The Founders of New England: Made in the Years 1858, 1859, and 1860*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1963. pp. 19, 20. Hereinafter cited as, *Results of Researches*.

[4]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. pp. 13, 14, 15.

[5]*Ibid.*, p. 16. Ann may have been a relative of Simon Willard. (*Ibid.*, 16n).

[6]Drake. *Results of Researches.* p. 20. -- George Leonard Hosmer speculated that Ann and her two small children, Marie and Ann, died during the first winter (1635). Mr. Hosmer noted that nothing more was heard of either Ann or her children after their arrival in Massachusetts. (G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 16).

[7]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* pp. 16, 17. George Leonard Hosmer relied on early Boston records for this information.

[8]John Farmer. *A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New-England.* Reprinted with additions and corrections by Samuel G. Drake. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1964. p. 150. Hereinafter cited as, *Genealogical Register.*

[9]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 16. George Leonard Hosmer relied on early Boston records for this information. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 15.

[10]*Ibid.*, pp. 16, 17. George Leonard Hosmer relied on county records for this information. Mr. Hosmer noted that there was an apparent copyist error in the spelling of Alice's name on the county records. Probable evolution of this error: "Alice" to "Ellice" to "Elinne".

[12]Farmer. *Genealogical Register.* p. 150. Same citation for footnote: 14.

[13]G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 17. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 18.

[17]*Ibid.*, p. 16. George Leonard Hosmer relied on county records for this information. The year of birth was not given, but it was reported in 1650. Presumably, the birth occurred in that year.

NOTE - For a comprehensive examination of the descendants of James Hosmer, see:

1.) George Leonard Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy: Descendants of James Hosmer Who Emigrated To America In 1635 And Settled In Concord, Mass.* Cambridge, Mass.: Technical Composition Company, 1928.

and,

2.) Ronald Sidney Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy Book II: Descendants of James Hosmer Who Emigrated to America in 1635 And Settled In Concord, Mass.* Taylor, Mich.: Published by the Author, 1981. This volume is an updated edition of George Leonard Hosmer's classic work.

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ARRIVAL IN AMERICA - JAMES HOSMER

ixth Aprilis 1635. In the Elizabeth de London p'rd M^{r} Willm Stagg bound for New England: Theis vnder written names have brought Cert: from y^{e} Minister of Hauckust in Kent: and Attestation from two Justices of Peace being conformable to the Church of England and that they are no Subsedy men:

James Hosmer *A Clothier*	28		John Ston	40	
Ann Hosmer *vxor*	27		Edward Gold	28	
Marie Hosmer	2	} *two children*	Geo: Russell	19	
Ann Hosmer	3 mo.		Jo: Mussell	15	
Marie Dounard	24	} *two servants*			
Marie Martin	19				

SOURCE: Samuel G. Drake. *Result of Some Researches Among The British Archives For Information Relative To THE FOUNDERS OF NEW ENGLAND: Made in The Years 1858, 1859 and 1860.* Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1963. pp. 19, 20.

Note: Hawkherst [Hauckust] - original spelling.
Hawkhurst - present spelling.

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FACSIMILE SIGNATURE
JAMES HOSMER SR.



Note: The above signature appeared on "An jnventary of the Estate of james Hosmor (junier) of Concord in Middlesex, deceased, being slaine in the jniagement with the jndeans at Sudsburie, one the 21 of the second month in the yeare 1676".

Note: Mr. George Hosmer believed that the entire inventory was in the handwriting of James Hosmer Sr. The original document is on file at the Registry of Probate at East Cambridge, Massachusetts.

SOURCE: George Leonard Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy: Descendants of James Hosmer Who Emigrated to America in 1635 and Settled in Concord, Mass.* Cambridge, Mass.: Technical Composition Company, 1928. p. 19.

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13. MARY (HOSMER) HUCKSTEP

[Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

baptized: 10 Dec. 1609 - Hawkhurst, Kent, England[1]; married: 28 May 1627 - Hawkhurst, Kent.[2]

married: Nehemiah Huckstep[3]

CHILD:

(30) 1. John Huckstep[4]

[1] *Parish Registers of Hawkhurst, Kent, England.* Searched by Rev. A. S. M. Leese. The Vicarage. Hawkhurst, Kent, England, June 28, 1973; G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 6. -- James B. Hosmer, who relied on Somerby's "Extracts ...", gave the date of Mary's baptism as, 10 Dec. 1610. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 12).

[2] *Ibid.*

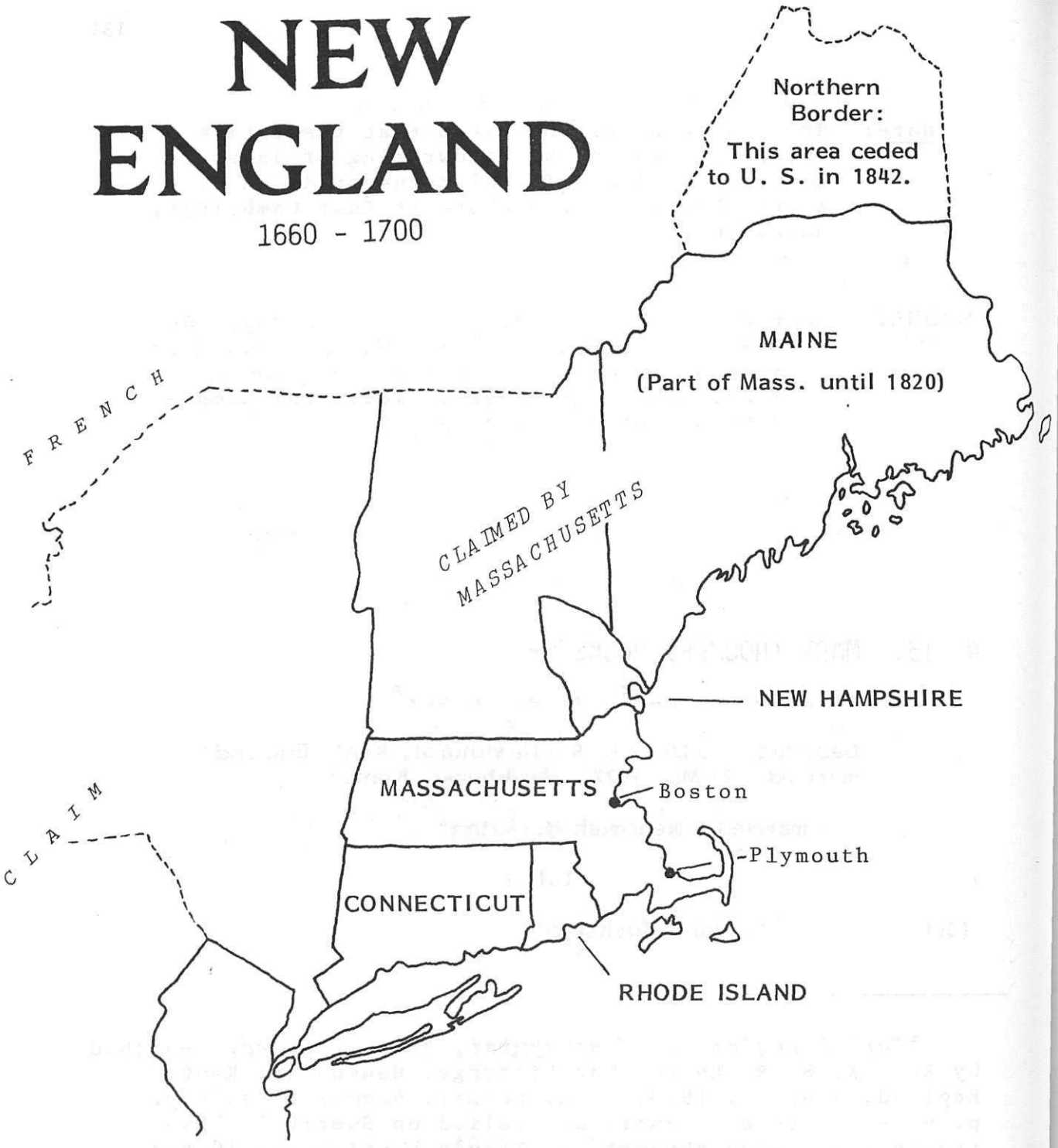
[3] *Ibid.* -- Sophie Selden Rogers *et al.* gave the name of Mary's husband as, "Nehemiah Hinchstepp." (*Selden Ancestry.* p. 22). -- See, "Abstract of the Will of Stephen Hosmer" [generation "A"].

[4] "Abstract of the Will of Stephen Hosmer" in G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy.* p. 10. Stephen Hosmer referred to him in his will as, " ... my grandson John Huckstep". *(Ibid.).*

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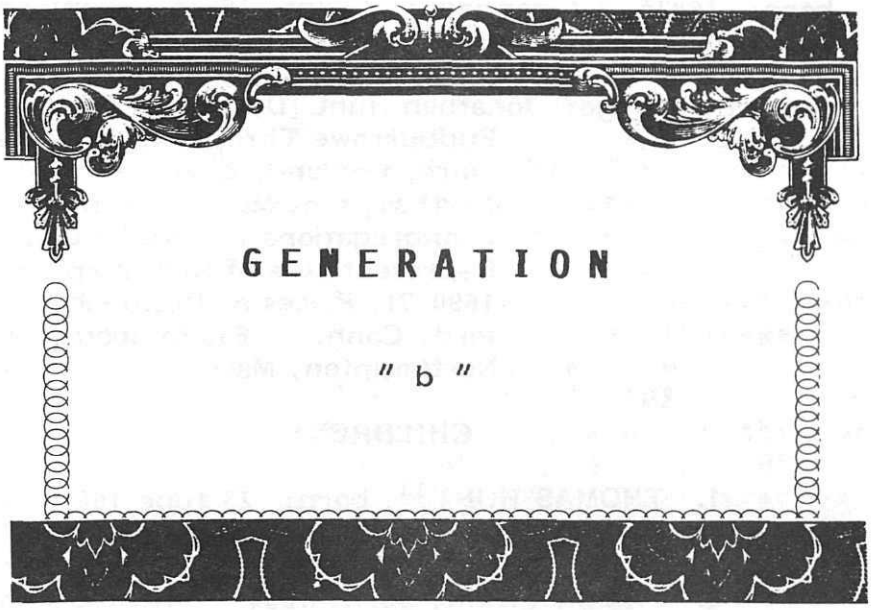
NEW ENGLAND

1660 - 1700



ESTIMATED COLONIAL POPULATION

	1630	1640	1660	1680	1700	1720	1740
Massachusetts	500	8,932	20,082	39,752	55,941	91,008	151,613
Connecticut	-	1,472	7,980	17,246	25,970	58,830	89,580
New York	350	1,930	4,936	9,830	19,107	36,919	63,665
New Hampshire		1,055	1,555	2,047	4,958	9,375	23,256
Rhode Island		300	1,539	3,017	5,894	11,680	25,255
Maine	400	900	1,000	*	*	*	*
Plymouth	390	1,020	1,980	6,400 [became a part of Mass. 1691]			



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I never saw an oft transplanted tree, nor yet an oft-removed family, That throve so well as those that settled be.

-- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, 1758

Generation "h"

19. CLEMENCE (HOSMER) HUNT/SMITH

[Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1642[1]; 1st marriage: 3 Sept. 1662[2] - Hartford, Conn.[3]; 2nd marriage: 1694[4]; died: 1698[5] - Hartford, Conn.[6]

1st marriage: Jonathan Hunt [Deacon][7], born: 1637 - Sudburrowe Thropstone, Northamptonshire, England; died: 29 Sept. 1691 - Northampton, Mass.[8]; Religion: [Congregational][9]; Public Office: Representative of Northampton, Mass., 1690-91; Places of Residence: Hartford, Conn. - 1658 to about 1660; Northampton, Mass. - from about 1660.[10]

CHILDREN:

(31) 1. THOMAS HUNT[11], born: 23 June 1663 - Northampton, Mass.; died: Lebanon, Conn. [?].
married: Mary _____[12]

(32) 2. Jonathan Hunt, born: 1664[13] - Northampton, Mass.[14]; died: 1664.[15]

(33) 3. JONATHAN HUNT[16], born: 20 Jan. 1665/66[17] - Northampton, Mass.[18]; died: 1 July 1738 - Northampton, Mass.[19]
married: Martha Williams[20]

(34) 4. John Hunt, born: 22 Dec. 1667[21] - Northampton, Mass.; unmarried[22]; died: 4 Apr. 1712.[23]

(35) 5. HANNAH (HUNT) WRIGHT, born: 7 Jan. 1669[24] - Northampton, Mass.[25]
married: Ebenezer Wright[26]

(36) 6. Clemence Hunt[27], born: 8 Jan. 1672[28] - Northampton, Mass.; died: 8 July 1689.[29]

(37) 7. Ebenezer Hunt[30], born: 3 May 1674[31] - Northampton, Mass.[32]; died: 1675.[33]

(38) 8. EBENEZER HUNT[34], born: 5 Feb. 1675/76[35] - Northampton, Mass.[36]; died: 1742/43.
married: Hannah Clark[37]

(39) 9. MARY (HUNT) SHELDON[38], born: 24 Mar. 1680[39] - Northampton, Mass.[40]; died: 10 Nov. 1767.[41]
married: Ebenezer Sheldon[42]

(40) 10. Sarah Hunt, born: 20 July 1682[43] - Northampton, Mass.[44]

(41) 11. Samuel Hunt, born: 15 Sept. 1684[45] - Northampton, Mass.; died: Feb. 1770 - Northfield, Mass.[46]

2nd marriage: John Smith, Place of Residence: Milford, Conn.[47]

[1]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 116. Same citation for footnote: 5.

[2]*Memorial History of Hartford.* I. p. 247; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108. -- George Sheldon gave the date of marriage as, 2 Sept. 1662. (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 218).

[3]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329.

[4]*Memorial History of Hartford.* I. p. 247.

[6]Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 3, 1978.

[7]*Memorial History of Hartford County.* I. p. 247; *Ruf and Allied Families.* pp. 107, 108, 116; *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.) clipping in "Scrapbook" of *Hartford Times,* July 1948 - Sept. 1948. p. 29. Washoe County Library, Genealogical Section, Reno, Nevada. -- Jonathan was the son of John and Mary (Webster) Hunt. (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 107). -- Jonathan was the grandson of Gov. Webster. He was mentioned in his grandfather's will of June 25, 1659. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500).

[8]*Ruf and Allied Families.* pp. 107, 108.

[9]Assumed. -- Jonathan became a deacon of the Northampton Church in 1681. (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108).

[10]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 14, 18, 22, 25, 29, 32, 36, 40, 44, 46.

[11]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* pp. 13, 14; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108.

[13]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108.

[15]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108. -- Savage also noted that Jonathan died young. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500).

[16]*Ibid.;* Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500.

[17]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 218. -- Alpha Ruf gave the year of Jonathan's birth as, 1665. (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108. -- Savage gave the date of birth as, 20 June 1666. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500).

[19]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. pp. 500, 501.

[20]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501.

[21]*Ibid.; Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108.

[23]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108. -- Savage gave the year of death as, "1713". (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500).

[24]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p 500. -- George Sheldon gave her year of birth as 1669/70. (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 218).

[26]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 218. -- Alpha Ruf gave his name as, Eb. Wright. (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108).

[27] *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500.

[28] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500. -- Alpha Ruf gave Clemence's date of birth as, "January 8, 1671". (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108). -- George Sheldon gave the year of birth as, 1671/72. (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219).

[30] *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500.

[31] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500. -- Alpha Ruf gave Ebenezer's date of baptism as, "May 3, 1673". (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108).

[33] *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108. -- Savage also noted that Ebenezer died young. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500).

[34] *Ibid.;* Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500.

[35] *Ibid.;* Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219. -- Savage gave the date of birth as, 6 or 27 Feb. 1676. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500).

[37] Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219. -- Savage gave only her first name, "Hannah". (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 499).

[38] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108.

[39] *Ibid.* -- Alpha Ruf gave Mary's date of birth as "March 24, 1679". (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108). -- George Sheldon also gave Mary's date of birth as, "Mar. 24, 1679". (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219). -- Mrs. Adam gave Mary's date of birth as, 16 Mar. 1680. (Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 3, 1978).

[41] Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 3, 1978. -- Alpha Ruf also gave Mary's year of death as, "1767". (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108).

[42] *Ibid.*

[43] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108.

[45] *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500.

[47] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501; *Memorial History of Hartford County.* I. p. 247. -- Clemence [widow of Jonathan Hunt] outlived her second husband [John Smith]. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501).

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20. STEPHEN HOSMER [DEACON]

[Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1645[1]; married: about 1668[2]; died: 4 Nov. 1693[3] - Northampton, Mass.[4]; Religion: Congregational[5]; Occupation: Farmer; Place of Residence: Hartford, Conn.[6]

married: Hannah Bushnell[7], born: about 1645.[8]

CHILDREN:

(42) 1. HANNAH (HOSMER) POST, born: 1671 [1670/71][9]; baptized: 29 May 1670[10]; died: 25 Jan 1751 - Hebron, Conn.[11]
married: Stephen Post[12]

(43) 2. Mary Hosmer, born: 1672 [1671/72][13]; baptized: 17 Dec. 1671[14]; died: 1684.[15]

(44) 3. Stephen Hosmer, died: 1673 (age: 5 days).[16]

(45) 4. DOROTHY (HOSMER) SKINNER, born: 1674[17]; baptized: 19 Apr. 1674[18]; died: prior to 1707/08.
married: Joseph Skinner[19]

(46) 5. THOMAS HOSMER, born: 1675[20]; baptized: 20 Feb. 1675/76[21]; died: 9 Mar. 1732.
married: Ann Prentiss[22]

(47) 6. STEPHEN HOSMER[23], born: 1679[24]; baptized: 1 Aug. 1679[25]; died: 16 June 1749 - East Haddam, Conn.[26]
married: Sarah Long[27]

(48) 7. HESTER [ESTER] (HOSMER) PITKIN, born: 1679[28]; baptized: 1 Aug. 1679[29]; died: 1709.[30]
married: Nathaniel Pitkin[31]

(49) 8. Sarah Hosmer, born: 1681[32]; baptized: 16 Oct. 1681[33]; died: 1685.

(50) 9. MARY (HOSMER) OLMSTED/GOODWIN, born: 1684; died: 2 Mar. 1760.
1st marriage: Nicholas Olmsted
2nd marriage: John Goodwin[34]

(51) 10. DEBORAH (HOSMER) OLMSTED[35], born: 1687[36]; baptized: 13 Mar. 1687[37]; died: 23 Sept. 1716.
married: Richard Olmsted

(52) 11. CLEMENCE (HOSMER) OLMSTED, born: 1691; died: 7 Sept. 1755.
married: Nehemiah Olmsted[38]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 13, 15, 17, 32, 34, 36.

[2]*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 11.

[5]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. Stephen Hosmer was made a deacon of the first church in Hartford in 1686 *(ibid.)*. -- According to Mary Rosebrugh Hosmer, Stephen Hosmer was made deacon of the, "South Church of Hartford". (*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. p. 2).

[6]*Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*. Vol. XXI: *The Wyllys Papers*: 1924. p. 197.

[7]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. This source reported that Hannah was the daughter of, "Dea. Francis Bushnell of Saybrook". (*Ibid.*).

[8]*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]. Although

lacking documented evidence, George Eleazer Bushnell believed that Hannah Bushnell was born in Guilford, Conn. *(Ibid.)*. -- Herbert Furnam Seversmith reported that Hannah Bushnell was born about 1638. (Herbert Furnam Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut: Being The Ancestry & Kindred of Herbert Furnam Seversmith.* II. Washington, D. C.: Mimeographed by the author, 1939. p. 514. Note: This is a three volume work. Pagination is continuous throughout the three volume set. Hereinafter cited as, *Colonial Families of Long Island*).

[9]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave the year of Hannah's birth as, "1670/1". (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23].

[10]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321. Same citation for footnotes: 14, 16, 18, 21, 29, 33.

[12]"Records of Saybrook, Ct." Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IV (Apr., 1850), 140; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 110.

[19]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 29 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIII (Apr., 1859), 145. Joseph Skinner remarried on, 28 Jan. 1707/08. His second wife was Elizabeth Olmstead. *(ibid.)*.

[20]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 5. Same citation for footnotes: 22, 23.

[24]Albert Hosmer Jr. *Genealogical Record of The Hosmer Family: in the United States descending from Thomas Hosmer, who with his brother James, came to America in the year A.D. 1635*. [Prepared about 1870]. Original manuscript no longer in existence. Handwritten copy of original prepared by Rev. Edwin G. Hunter. p. 3. Hereinafter cited as, *Genealogical Record*. The handwritten copy of the original manuscript contained, on the title page, the following note:

> The original record, of which this is a copy, was prepared by Albert Hosmer Jr., of the seventh generation, about the year 1870. It is incomplete in many particular[s], but as complete as information obtained at the time; could make it. It was originally prepared for publication with the record of the Pearson, Watrons, and other families who originally settled Avon, N. Y., all of whom more or less intermarried. / —— " —— / This copy was prepared by The Rev. Edwin G. Hunter, son of Eliza Bliss Hosmer and Edwin Hunter".

[25]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321. -- Frederick Lewis Weis gave Stephen's date of baptism as, 8 Aug. 1679. (Weis. *The Colonial Clergy*. p. 111.

[26]*Ibid.*

[27]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8.

[28]*Ibid.*, p. 4. Hester and Stephen were twins. *(Ibid.)*.

[30]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America: A Genealogy of the Descendants of William Pitkin, the Progenitor of the*

Family in this Country From his Arrival from England in 1659 to 1886. With Additional Historical and Biographical Notes of the Family, Etc. Also, Additional Notes of the Descendants of Martha Pitkin Who Married Simon Wolcott. Hartford, Conn.: Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., 1887. p. 6. Hereinafter cited as, *Pitkin Family of America.*

[31] *Ibid.*; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 4.

[35] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 4; *Genealogical Record.* p. 4. -- The Media Research Bureau also gave the name as, "Deborah". (*The Name and Family of Hosmer.* Compiled by: The Media Research Bureau. Washington, D. C. p. 4).

[37] *Genealogy of the Olmsted Family In America: Embracing The Descendants of James and Richard Olmsted and Covering a Period of Nearly Three Centuries 1632-1912.* Compiled by Henry King Olmsted. Revised and Completed by George K. Ward. New YorK: A. T. De La Mare Printing and Publishing Company, Ltd., 1912. p. 19. Hereinafter cited as, *Olmsted Family;* Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 321.

[38] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 4. -- There are two spelling variations: Nich. Olmsted (*Hosmer Family.* p. 4) - Nicholas Olmstead (*Pioneer Families.* p. 22); and, Nehemiah Olmsted (*Hosmer Family.* p. 4) - Nemiah [sic] Olmsted (*Pioneer Families.* p.22).

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21. HANNAH (HOSMER) WILLARD/MALTBY

[Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1639 [1649][1]; 1st marriage: 3 Mar. 1656/57[2] - Concord, Mass.[3]; 2nd marriage: Sometime after 1674[4]; died: Sometime between 1689 and 1692.[5]

1st marriage: Josiah Willard[6], born: about 1636 - Concord, Mass.[7]; died: July 1674[8] - Wethersfield, Conn.[9]; Occupation: Schoolmaster - Hartford, Conn.[10] and Wethersfield, Conn.[11]; Trader[12]; Military Service: Pequot War[13]; Places of Residence: Hartford, Conn.; Wethersfield, Conn.[14] - arrived about 1662[15].

CHILDREN:

(53) 1. **SAMUEL WILLARD, born: 19 Sept. 1658 - Hartford, Conn.[16]; died: 19 Jan. 1716 - Saybrook, Conn.[17] married: Sarah Clark[18]**

(54) 2. **Josiah Willard, born: 13 Mar. 1659/60 - Hartford, Conn.**

(55) 3. **DOROTHY (WILLARD) BELDEN[19], born: 1664 - Wethersfield, Conn.; died: 28 Feb. 1754 - Wethersfield, Conn. married: John Belden[20]**

(56) 4. **SIMON WILLARD[21], born: Wethersfield, Conn.; died: 8 Jan.[22] 1726/27[23] married: Mary Gilbert[24]**

(57) 5. **Stephen Willard, born: (probably) Wethersfield, Conn.[25]; died: 28 July 1741[26].**

(58) 6. **Thomas Willard[27], born: Wethersfield, Conn.; married:**

8 July 1689; died: 30 Jan. 1737/38 - Guilford, Conn.
married: Abigail Bradley, died: 10 Nov. 1746[28].

(59) 7. John Willard[29], born: Wethersfield, Conn.[30]

(60) 8. HANNAH (WILLARD) MEIGS, born: 1674[31] - (probably) Wethersfield, Conn.[32]; died: 4 Jan. 1749.[33]
married: Janna Meigs[34]

2nd marriage: William Maltby [Judge], born: 1645 - England; died: 1710; Arrival in America: prior to 1663; Occupation: Sheriff - 1674, 1679-80; Collector - 1674, 1677-78; Auditor - 1679-80; Surveyor - 1676-82; Judge - 1689-1706; Ship Owner; Places of Residence: England; New Haven County, Conn. - 1666; Branford, Conn. - 1672.

CHILD:

(61) 9. DANIEL MALTBY, born: 1679; died: 1731.
married: Esther Moss[35]

[1]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330. -- W. H. C. Hosmer and the other members of the publication committee gave Hannah's year of birth as, 1649. (*Pioneer Families*. p. 22). -- Judging from the births of Hannah's children, the year 1639 seems more reasonable. (The Author).

[2]*Records of the Descendants of John Bishop: One of the founders of Guilford, Connecticut in 1639*. Compiled by William Whitney Cone and George Root. Nyack, N. Y.: John Guy Bishop, 1951. p. 235. Hereinafter cited as, *Descendants of John Bishop*. -- James B. Hosmer gave the date of marriage as, 20 Mar. 1657. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4). -- Savage also gave the date of marriage as, 20 Mar. 1657. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. IV. 1862. p. 554).

[3]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. IV. 1862. p. 554. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 12, 25, 32.

[4]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 51. Same citation for footnote: 35.

[5]*Ibid*. -- Hannah was mentioned in her father's will, dated 1685. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 14). -- Hannah was living in 1689. Her second husband remarried in 1692. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 51).

[6]*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 235. Josiah was the son of Simon Willard [Major] (founder of Concord, Mass.). (*Ibid*., pp. 234, 235). -- According to Savage, Josiah was Simon Willard's eldest son. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. IV. 1862. p. 554).

[7]*Ibid*., p. 235. -- James Andrews Phelps reported that Josiah Willard was born, "about 1634". (*Heroic Willards of '76: Life and Times of Captain Reuben Willard of Fitchburg, Mass. And His Lineal Descendants, from 1775 to date*. Compiled by James Andrew Phelps. New York: Genealogical Bureau, 1917.p. 8).

[8]"Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191. An inventory of his estate was taken on, July 23, 1674 (*Ibid*.). -- Savage also gave Josiah's year of death as, 1674. (Savage. *Genealogical*

Dictionary of New England. IV. 1862. p. 554. -- The Register gave the year of death as 1673. ("Memoirs of Deceased Members of the New England Historic Genealogical Society". Prepared by Rev. Arthur Wilmot Ackerman. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXXI (Apr., 1927), 190.

[9]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 20, 22, 26, 28, 30.

[11]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. Same citation for footnote: 18.

[13]"Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191. Josiah was granted 50 acres of land for his service in the Pequot War. *(Ibid)*.

[14]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. IV. 1862. p. 554; "Memoirs of Deceased Members of the New England Historic Genealogical Society". Prepared by Rev. Arthur Wilmot Ackerman. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXXI (Apr., 1927), 190. -- According to another source, Josiah, " ... was made a freeman in Wethersfield in 1662 where he lived in Newington Parish." ("Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191).

[15]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 614.

[16]"Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. IV. 1862. p. 554. Same citation [both sources] for footnotes: 19, 21, 27, 29, 31.

[17]*Ibid.* -- The *Compendium* gave Samuel's year of death as, 1716. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 824.

[23]*Ibid.* -- The *Compendium* also gave Simon's year of death as, 1726/27. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 361).

[24]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 361.

[31]*Colonial Families of the United States of America: In Which Is Given The History, Genealogy and Armorial Bearings of Colonial Families Who Settled In the American Colonies From the Times of the Settlement of Jamestown, 13th May, 1607, to The Battle of Lexington, 19 April, 1775*. Edited by George Norbury Mackenzie. II. Baltimore, Maryland: The Seaforth Press, 1911. p. 512. Hereinafter cited as, *Colonial Families; Descendants of John Bishop*. pp. 229, 235; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. pp. 26, 303, 307.

[33]*Ibid.* -- William Whitney Cone and George Root also gave the year of Hannah's death as, "1749". (*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 229).

[34]*Ibid.;* "Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191.

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22. HESTER (HOSMER) BUCKINGHAM

[Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1652[1]; married: 20 Sept. 1666 - Saybrook, Conn.[2]; died: 3 June 1702.[3]

married: Thomas Buckingham [Rev.][4], baptized: 8 Nov.

1646 - Milford, Conn.[5]; died: 1 Apr. 1709; Religion: [Congregational]; Occupation: [Congregational] Minister[6] - Saybrook, Conn.[7], 1669-1709.[8]

CHILDREN:

(62) 1. HESTER (BUCKINGHAM) BEAUMONT, born: 10 June 1668[9]; died: 1709.
married: Samuel Beaumont[10]

(63) 2. THOMAS BUCKINGHAM JR., born: 29 Sept. 1670.
married: Margaret Griswould

(64) 3. DANIELL BUCKINGHAM, born: 2 Oct. 1672; died: 1725.[11]
married: Sarah Lee[12]

(65) 4. Stephen Buckingham, born: 4 Sept. 1675.

(66) 5. Samuell Buckingham, born: 26 May 1678; died: 10 June 1678.

(67) 6. Samuell Buckingham, born: 24 July 1679; died: 5 Jan. 1684.

(68) 7. HEZEKIAH BUCKINGHAM, born: 21 June 1682[13]; died: 1752.
married: Sarah Lay[14]

(69) 8. TEMPERANCE (BUCKINGHAM) KIRTLAND, born: 6 Jan. 1684[15]; died: 1714.
married: John Kirtland Jr.[16]

(70) 9. ANNE (BUCKINGHAM) DOTY, born: 2 Aug. 1687[17]; died: 1745.[18]
married: Samuel Doty[19]

[1] *Pioneer Families*. p. 22.

[2] *American Marriage Records Before 1699*. Edited and compiled by William Montgomery Clemens. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1967. p. 20. -- The Computer File Index also reported that Ester Hosmer married Thomas Buckingham. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329).

[3] "Genealogical Department". *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*. LVI (Aug., 1922), 476. A little more than a year after Hester's death, Rev. Buckingham married Mary Hooker. *(Ibid.)*.

[4] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 906. -- Rev. Thomas was the son of Thomas and Hannah (———) Buckingham who came from England to Boston, Mass. in 1636. (*Ibid.*, p. 62). -- Rev. Thomas' father settled in Milford, Conn. in 1639. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. I. 1860. p. 284).

[5] "Genealogical Department". *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*. LVI (Aug., 1922), 476.

[6] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. I. 1860. p. 284.

[7] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 906.

[8] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. I. 1860. p. 284. Thomas was ordained in 1670. Thomas did not

possess a college education, but he was later to become one of the founders of Yale College. *(Ibid.)*.

[9]"Records of Saybrook, Ct.". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IV (Jan., 1850), 20. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 13, 15, 17.

[10]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 50.

[12]*Ibid.* I. 1925. p. 62.

[14]*Ibid.*, p. 906.

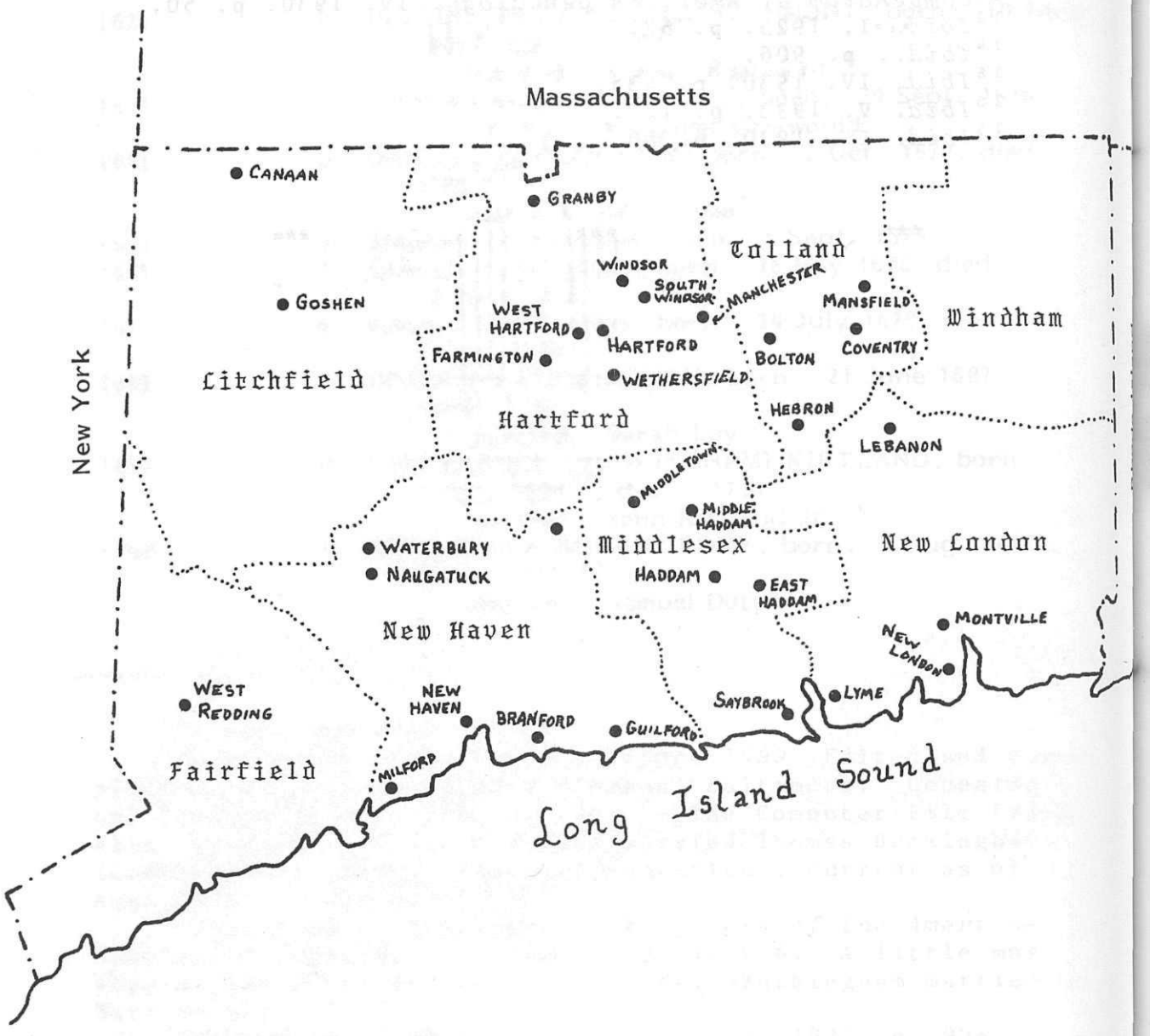
[16]*Ibid.* IV. 1930. p. 435.

[18]*Ibid.* V. 1933. p. 121.

[19]*Ibid.* IV. 1930. p. 50.

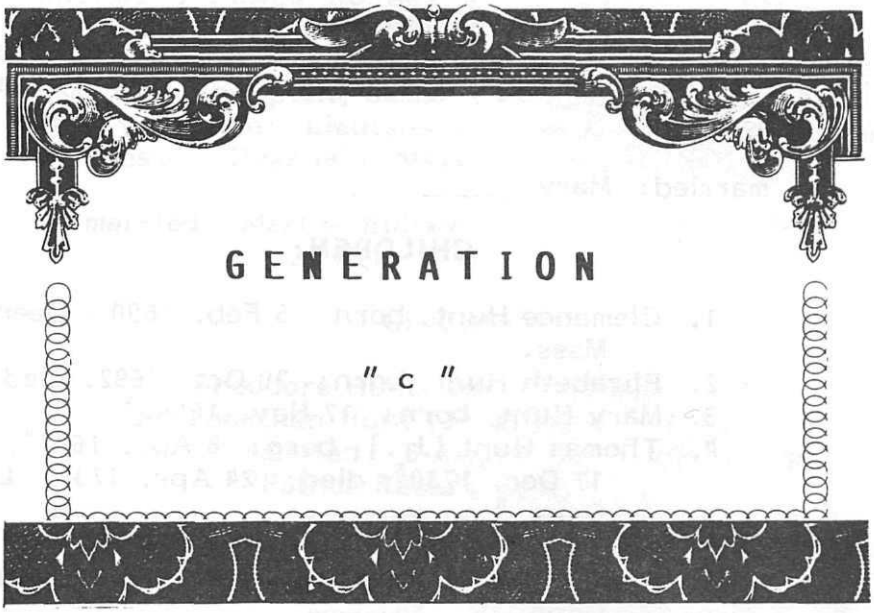
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT



CONNECTICUT

Area: 5,009 square miles
Average Length (east to west): 95 miles
Average Width (north to south): 57 miles
Coastline (including islands, bays, and inlets): 618 miles



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Birth is nothing without virtue,
and we have no claim to share in
the glory of our ancestors un-
less we strive to resemble them.

-- MOLIÈRE

(*Don Juan*, 1665)

Generation "c"

31. THOMAS HUNT

[Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James[B]]

born: 23 Jan. 1663 - Northampton, Mass.; married: about 1689; died: Lebanon, Conn. [?]; Places of Residence: Deerfield, Mass., 1684-97; Hartford, Conn. - 1698[1]; Lebanon, Conn.[2]

married: Mary _____

CHILDREN:

(71) 1. Clemence Hunt, born: 5 Feb. 1690 - Deerfield, Mass.

(72) 2. Elizabeth Hunt, born: 20 Oct. 1692; died young.

(73) 3. Mary Hunt, born: 17 Nov. 1694.[3]

(74) 4. Thomas Hunt [Jr.], born: 8 Apr. 1697[4]; married: 17 Dec. 1730[5]; died: 24 Apr. 1735 - Lebanon, Conn.[6]
married: Ruth Thatcher[7]

(75) 5. Elizabeth Hunt, born: 18 Mar. 1700 - Lebanon, Conn.

(76) 6. HANNAH (HUNT) SUMNER, born: 3 Oct. 1702 - Lebanon, Conn.[8]; died: 2 Apr. 1781[9] - Claremont, N. H.[10]
married: William Sumner[11]

(77) 7. Gideon Hunt, born: 1704 - Lebanon, Conn.[12]; married: 2 June 1732[13]; died: 20 June 1786 - Lebanon, Conn.[14]
married: Rebecca Ordway[15]

(78) 8. Jonathan Hunt[16], married: 24 May 1732.
married: Ruth Cushman[17]

[1] *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 108. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2] *Ibid.* Thomas was one of nine people who, on Nov. 7, 1700, organized a church in Lebanon, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[4] *Ibid.*, p. 109. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16.

[5] Sheldon. *History of Deerfield*. II. p. 219. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 13, 15, 17.

[9] William Sumner Appleton. *Record of the Descendants of William Sumner of Dorchester, Mass., 1636*. Boston: David Clapp & Son, Printers, 1879. p. 8. Hereinafter cited as,

Descendants of William Sumner; Ruf and Allied Families. p. 109.

[11] *Ibid.*, p. 7; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 109.

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33. JONATHAN HUNT [LT.]

[Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 20 Jan. 1665/66[1] - Northampton, Mass.[2]; died: 1 July 1738[3] - Northampton, Mass.[4]; Occupation: Maltster, Cooper; Military Service: Lieutenant[5]; Places of Residence: Northampton, Mass.[6]; Deerfield, Mass. - 1684; Northfield, Mass.[7]

married: Martha Williams[8], born: about 1671[9]; died: 21 Mar. 1751.

CHILDREN:

(79) 1. Theodore Hunt, born: 22 Nov. 1694.

(80) 2. Jonathan Hunt [Jr.], born: 24 Apr. 1697[10]
married: 6 Aug. 1724[11]; Military Service: "Father Rasle's war".[12]
married: Thankful Strong

(81) 3. Martha (Hunt) White, born: 18 Apr. 1699[13];
married: 17 June 1725.
married: Thomas White [Rev.], Place of Residence: Bolton, Conn.[14]

(82) 4. ELIZABETH (HUNT) POMROY, born: 2 Mar. 1701[15]; died: 10 June 1782.[16]
married: Ebenezer Pomroy [Pomeroy]

(83) 5. SAMUEL HUNT, born: 1703; died: 28 Feb. 1770 - Northfield, Mass.
married: Anna Ellsworth[17]

(84) 6. MARY (HUNT) POMROY, born: 14 Nov. 1705[18]; died: 11 Sept. 1777.[19]
married: Seth Pomroy [Pomeroy][20]

(85) 7. Joseph Hunt, born: 12 July 1708.

(86) 8. John Hunt, born: 31 Aug. 1712.[21]

[1] Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. pp. 218, 219. -- Savage gave Jonathan's date of birth as, "20 June 1666". (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. pp. 500, 501. -- Alpha Ruf gave Jonathan's year of birth as, 1665. (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108).

[2] *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108. Same citation for footnote: 4.

[3] *Ibid.*; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.*

II. p. 501.

[5]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 11, 14, 17.

[6]*Ibid.;* Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501.

[8]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501. Martha was the daughter of [Deacon] Samuel Williams of Roxbury, Mass. *(Ibid.).* -- George Sheldon gave Samuel Williams' place of residence as, "Pomfret, [Conn.]". (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219). -- A second source also reported that Martha was the daughter of Samuel Williams of Pomfret, Conn. (*Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 327).

[9]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219. This is based on her age (80 years) at the time of death -- 1751 - 80 = 1671]. *(Ibid.).*

[10]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501; Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219.

[12]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219. Jonathan Jr. served under Capt. Samuel Barnard. *(Ibid.).*

[13]*Ibid.;* Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501.

[15]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501. Same citation for footnote: 18.

[16]William K. Wright. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 42.

[19]*Ibid.,* p. 43.

[20]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219. -- Ebenezer and Seth Pomeroy (note spelling) were brothers. (William K. Wright. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 41).

[21]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 501; Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219.

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35. HANNAH (HUNT) WRIGHT

[Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 7 Jan. 1669/70[1] - Northampton, Mass.[2]; married: 19 Dec. 1691.[3]

married: Ebenezer Wright[4], born: 1663.

CHILDREN:

(87) 1. **Obadiah Wright, born: 1695.**

(88) 2. **Noah Wright, born: 1699.[5]**

(89) 3. **CLEMENCE (WRIGHT) ALVORD, born: 1703[6]; died: 1776.**

married: Joseph Alvord[7]

(90) 4. Elisha Wright, born: 1705.[8]

[1]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 218; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. p. 500.

[2]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 108.

[3]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 218.

[4]Joseph W. Wright, Esq. "Genealogical Notice of Samuel Wright, of Springfield, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IV (Oct., 1850), 356. Ebenezer was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Burt) Wright. *(Ibid.).* -- The *Compendium* ... also reported that Ebenezer was the son of Samuel Wright. Hannah Hunt was Ebenezer's second wife. (*Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 777. -- Sheldon also reported that Hannah Hunt, daughter of Jonathan and Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt, married Ebenezer Wright. (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 218).

[5]*Ibid.*, 357.

[6]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 777.

[7]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 777.

[8]Joseph W. Wright, Esq. "Genealogical Notice of Samuel Wright, of Springfield, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IV (Oct., 1850), p. 357. Mr. Wright noted that Ebenezer and Hannah had Obadiah, Noah, Clemence, Elisha, "and others". *(Ibid.).*

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38. EBENEZER HUNT [DEACON]

[Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 5 Feb. 1675/76[1] - Northampton, Mass.[2]; married: 27 May 1698[3]; died: 1742/43[4]; Place of Residence: Northampton, Mass.[5]; Lebanon, Conn. - arrived about 1723.[6]

married: Hannah Clark[7], born: 1681; died: 1758.[8]

CHILDREN:

(91) 1. Hannah Hunt, born: 4 Oct. 1699.

(92) 2. STEPHEN HUNT, born: 24 July 1701[9]; died: 1784. married: Esther Janes[10]

(93) 3. Ebenezer Hunt, born: 30 Aug. 1703.

(94) 4. William Hunt, born: 12 Oct. 1705.

(95) 5. Abigail Hunt, born: 16 July 1708.

(96) 6. Daniel Hunt, born: 17 Aug. 1711.

(97) 7. Simeon Hunt, born: 3 Nov. 1713.[11]

(98) 8. Thomas Hunt, born: 24 May 1716.

(99) 9. Esther Hunt, born: 24 May 1716.[12]

[1] *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 108. -- Sheldon gave Ebenezer's date of birth as, "Feb. 5, 1675". (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield*. II. p. 219). Savage gave Ebenezer's date of birth as, "6 or 27 Feb. 1676". (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. II. 1860. p. 500. -- The *Compendium* ... gave the year of birth as, 1675. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 673).

[2] *Ibid*. Same citation for footnote: 6.

[3] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. II. 1860. p. 499. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 9, 11.

[4] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 673.

[7] Sheldon. *History of Deerfield*. II. p. 219. -- Hannah was the daughter of Capt. William and Hannah (Strond) Clark. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 673).

[8] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 673.

[10] *Ibid*.

[12] Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. II. 1860. p. 499. Thomas and Esther were twins. *(Ibid.)*.

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39. MARY (HUNT) SHELDON

[Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 Mar. 1680[1] - Northampton, Mass.[2]; married: 16 Dec. 1701[3]; died: 10 Nov. 1767 - Northampton, Mass.[4]

married: Ebenezer Sheldon[5], born: 1 Mar. 1677/78 - Northampton, Mass.; died: 18 Mar. 1755 - Northampton, Mass.; Occupation: Farmer; Military Service: Ensign - Northampton militia[6]; Place of Residence: Northampton, Mass.[7]

CHILDREN:

(100) 1. Ebenezer Sheldon [Jr.], born: 14 Sept. 1702 - Northampton, Mass.

(101) 2. Miriam Sheldon, born: 6 Mar. 1703/04 - Northampton, Mass.

(102) 3. Noah Sheldon, born: 20 Mar. 1705/06 - Northampton, Mass.[8]

(103) 4. STEPHEN SHELDON, born: 2 Feb. 1708/09 - Northampton, Mass.[9]; died: 1781.
married: Thankful King[10]

(104) 5. Catherine Sheldon, born: 7 Mar. 1710/11 - Northampton, Mass.[11]; died: 1727.[12]

(105) 6. Aaron Sheldon, born: 4 Mar. 1712/13 - Northampton, Mass.

(106) 7. Israel Sheldon, born: 15 May 1715 - Northampton, Mass.

(107) 8. MOSES SHELDON, born: Nov. 1716 - Northampton, Mass.; died: 12 Jan. 1807.
married: Elizabeth Grave

(108) 9. Esther [Hester] Sheldon, born: 12 Mar. 1718/19 - Northampton, Mass.

(109) 10. ELIAS SHELDON, born: 13 Mar. 1720/21 - Northampton,

Mass.; died: 1793.
married: _____

(110) 11. Jemima Sheldon, born: 16 Oct. 1722 - Northampton, Mass.[13]; died: 1794.[14]

(111) 12. Mary (Sheldon) Boltwood, born: 8 Dec. 1724 - Northampton, Mass.[15]
married: William Boltwood[16]

[1]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. II. 1860. p. 499. -- George Sheldon gave Mary's date of birth as, "Mar. 24, 1679". (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield*. II. p. 219). -- Alpha Ruf also gave Mary's date of birth as, "March 24, 1679". (*Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 108). -- J. Gardner Bartlett gave Mary's date of birth as, "24 Mar. 1679/80". (J. Gardner Bartlett. "The Sheldons of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and Isaac Sheldon of New England". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 399).

[2]J. Gardner Bartlett. "The Sheldons of Bakewell ... *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926),399; *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 108.

[3]*Ibid.* This source noted that Mary Hunt, "daughter of Jonathan and Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt", married Ebenezer Sheldon. *(Ibid.)*. -- George Sheldon gave the date of their marriage as, "Dec. 6, 1701". (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield*. II. p. 219).

[4]*Ibid.* Alpha Ruf also gave Mary's year of death as, "1767". (*Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 108).

[5]*Ibid.* Ebenezer was the son of Isaac and Mary (Woodford) Sheldon. (*Ibid.*, pp. 398, 399).

[6]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 8, 11, 13, 15.

[7]*Ibid.* Ebenezer, "succeeded to his father's homestead on Bridge Street, Northampton, ... " *(Ibid.)*.

[9]*Ibid.* -- Mrs. Sally Adam gave his year of birth as, "1704". (Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 15, 1978).

[10]Rev. Henry Olcott Sheldon. *The Sheldon Magazine or A Genealogical List of the Sheldons In America With Biographical and Historical Notes. and Notices Of Other Families With Which This Intermarried*. Loudonville, Ohio, 1855. pp. 2, 5. Hereinafter cited as, *Sheldon Magazine*.

[12]*Ibid.*, p. 2. Same citation for footnotes: 14, 16.

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42. HANNAH (HOSMER) POST

[Stephen Hosmer [Deacon]^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1671 [1670/71][1]; baptized: 29 May 1670 - Hartford, Conn.[2] married: 14 June 1692 - Saybrook, Conn.[3]; died: 25 Jan. 1751 - Hebron, Conn.; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn. - arrived about 1710.

married: Stephen Post[4] [Deacon][5], born: 3 Dec. 1664 -

Saybrook, Conn.[6]; died: 16 May 1752 - Hebron, Conn.[7]

CHILDREN:

(112) 1. HANNAH (POST) BARBER/BLISS/TRUMBULL[8], born: 29 Mar. 1692/93 - Saybrook, Conn.[9]; died: 1759.[10]
1st marriage: David Barber
2nd marriage: John Bliss
3rd marriage: Benoni Trumbull[11]

(113) 2. Stephen Post, born: 8 Sept. 1695 - Saybrook, Conn.[12]
1st marriage: Mary Danner
2nd marriage: Desire Eaton[13]

(114) 3. Mary (Post) Hutchinson, born: 13 Mar. 1696/97 - Saybrook, Conn.[14]
married: Hezekiah Hutchinson[15]

(115) 4. Hester (Post) Durham, born: 19 Mar. 1698/99 - Saybrook, Conn.[16]
married: Opediah Durham[17]

(116) 5. THOMAS POST, born: 10 Feb. 1700/01 - Saybrook, Conn.[18]
married: Dinah Brown[19]

(117) 6. GIDEON POST, born: 10 Feb. 1702/03 - Saybrook, Conn.[20]; died: 1752[21] - Saybrook, Conn.[22]
married: Mary Chase[23]

(118) 7. Phineas Post, born: 2 Dec. 1704 - Saybrook, Conn.[24]
married: Anne Post[25]

(119) 8. Cibbil [Sibyl] (Post) Buell, born: 10 Oct. 1706 - Saybrook, Conn.[26]
married: William Buell[27]

(120) 9. Dorothy (Post) Platt, born: 29 Jan. 1707/08 - Saybrook, Conn.[28]
married: Ebenezer Platt[29]

(121) 10. Israel Post, born: 3 May 1709 - Saybrook, Conn.[30]
married: Phebe _____

(122) 11. Rachel (Post) Bissell, born: 25 Sept. 1713.
married: Benjamin Bissell[31]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave the year of Hannah's birth as, "1670/1". (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321.

[3]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. Hartford, Conn.: The Connecticut Historical Society and The Connecticut Society of the Order Of The Founders And Patriots Of America, 1952. p. 39. This source contained the following entry:

Stephen Post & Hannah Hosmer were married each to other]
ye 14 June 1692

(Ibid.); Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Sept. 1981. p. 10,085. -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave the date of marriage as, "14 June 1693". (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*.

p. 33 [3-23]. SEE FOOTNOTE: 8.

[4]*Ibid.; Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]. -- James B. Hosmer recorded only that Hannah married a, "Mr. Post". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4).

[5]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 110. Same citation for footnote: 21.

[6]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 8. This source contained the following entry:

> Abram Post
> His first child called Steven was born in Sea
> Brook the 3rd of]
> December 1664

(Ibid.); "Records of Saybrook, Ct.". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IV (Apr., 1850), 140. -- The *Compendium* ... gave Stephen's parents as, Lt. Abraham and Mary (Chalker) Post. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 110). -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Stephen's parents as, Abraham and Mary (Jordan) Post. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23].

[7]*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31.

[8]*Ibid.* -- The book, *Genealogy of the Bliss Family in America* (p. 47), reported the following:

> ... [Rev. John Bliss] was afterwards married Dec. 14, 1732, to Mrs. Hannah (daughter of Dea. Phineas Post, of Columbia, Conn., and widow of Hon. David) Barber, of Hebron, who bore him two children and after his [Rev. John Bliss'] death, which occurred Feb. 1, 1741, she married, Oct. 27, 1742, Capt. Benoni Trumble [Trumbull].

Note: Underlining is mine. For full citation of this source, see separate listing on Hannah (Post) Barber/Bliss/Trumbull, generation "d", footnote: 3.

The above quotation is at variance with a number of other sources which list Hannah's parents as, Stephen and Hannah (Hosmer) Post. (*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 39); (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. (p. 33 [3-23]); (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 110 and VII. 1942. p. 232); (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Sept. 1981. p. 10,067).

The *Compendium* ... gave the following information on Hannah Post (which is in keeping with the data found in the other four sources consulted):

> David [Barber] (1686-1729), of Hebron, Conn.; capt. mil. co.; j.p.; mem. Gen. Assembly; *m.* 1711, Hannah Post (1693-1759; [father] Step.[8], *m.* Hannah Hosmer; Abra.[9]; Step.[10]);

(*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 232).
Note: Underlining is mine.

As the reader can see, the *Compendium of American Genealogy* states unequivocally that Hannah Post was the daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Hosmer) Post. It is interesting to note that both the

Compendium of American Genealogy and the *Genealogy of the Bliss Family in American* reported that Hannah Post's first marriage was to David Barber, of Hebron, Conn. Obviously these two sources were reporting on the same person. They differed only in the identity of Hannah's parents. Perhaps, the confusion lies in the fact that Stephen and Hannah (Hosmer) Post had a son named Phineas Post. This Phineas Post was Hannah Post's brother. Possibly, the author of the Bliss genealogy confused this brother as being Hannah Post's father.

In conclusion, the weight of evidence strongly supports the view that Hannah (Post) Barber/Bliss/Trumbull was the daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Hosmer) Post and NOT the daughter of Phineas Post, as reported in the Bliss genealogy.

[9] *Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 39. -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Hannah's date of birth as, 27 Mar. 1693. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[10] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 232.

[12] *Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 39. -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Stephen's date of birth as, 5 Sept. 1695. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[14] *Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Mary's date of birth as, 15 Mar. 1697. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[15] *Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Hester's year of birth as, 1699. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[18] *Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Thomas' date of birth as, 10 Feb. 1701. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[20] *Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Gideon's year of birth as, 1703. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[22] Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Sept. 1981. p. 10,073.

[24] *Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 39. -- George Eleazer Bushnell also gave Phineas' year of birth as, 1704. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[26] *Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave her name as, "Sibyl". (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[28] *Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave her date of birth as, Jan. 1708. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

[30] *Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave his date of birth as, May 1709. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]).

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45. DOROTHY (HOSMER) SKINNER

[Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1674[1]; baptized: 19 Apr. 1674 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 1 Jan. 1696 - Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: prior to 1707/08.[4]

married: Joseph Skinner[5]

CHILDREN:

(123) 1. Joseph Skinner [Jr.], born: 27 Oct. 1697 - Hartford, Conn.

(124) 2. Stephen Skinner, born: 7 Aug. 1699 - Hartford, Conn.

(125) 3. Jonathan Skinner, born: Apr. 1701 - Hartford, Conn.[6]

(126) 4. John Skinner, died: June 1704 - Hartford, Conn.[7]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4.

[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321.

[3]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 29 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIII (Apr., 1859), 145. This source contained the following entry:

> Joseph Skinner was married to Dorothy Hosmer Jan^{r} 1st 1696.]

(Ibid.); Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321.

[4]*Ibid.* According to this source, a Dorothy Skinner died in Mar. 1702. It is unclear whether this was Joseph's wife or child. It is interesting to note that the next entry listed the death of one of Joseph's sons:

> Dorothy Skinner dyed in March 1702.
> John Skinner son of Joseph dyed in June 1704.

(Ibid., [p. 33], 147*)*.

[5]*Ibid.* A Joseph Skinner, son of John Skinner, was born in Hartford, Conn. on Aug. 26, 1669 *(Ibid.*, [p. 18], 51. Whether this Joseph Skinner was the same Joseph Skinner who married Dorothy Hosmer is unclear. -- According to Hartford records:

> Joseph Skinner was married to his second wife who was Eliz^{a} Olmstead] Jan^{r} 28th 1707-8.

(Ibid., [p. 29], 145*)*.

[6]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1709 to 1716*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XX (July, 1866), 236; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Sept. 1981. pp. 11,341; 11,342; 11,350.

[7]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 33 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIII (Apr., 1859), 147.

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46. THOMAS HOSMER [CAPT.]

[Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1675[1]; baptized: 20 Feb. 1675/76 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 24 Dec. 1700 - Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 9 Mar. 1731/32 - Hartford, Conn.[4]

married: Ann Prentiss, baptized: 19 Jan. 1678/79[5]; died: 6 Aug. 1753.[6]

CHILDREN:

(127) 1. THOMAS HOSMER, born: 28 Oct. 1701 - Hartford, Conn.[7]; baptized: 2 Nov. 1701 - Hartford, Conn.[8]; died: Feb. 1777.[9]
married: Susannah Steel[10]

(128) 2. STEPHEN HOSMER, born: 6 Jan. 1704[11]; baptized: 9 Jan. 1703/04 - Hartford, Conn.[12]; died: 1758 - West Hartford, Conn.[13]
married: Deliverance Graves[14]

(129) 3. JOSEPH HOSMER, born: 28 Nov. 1705[15]; baptized: 2 Dec. 1705 - Hartford, Conn.[16]; died: 27 June 1777.
married: Sabra Mygatt[17]

(130) 4. JOHN HOSMER, born: 1707[18]; baptized: 15 Mar. 1712/13 - Hartford, Conn.[19]; died: 15 Sept. 1761.[20]
married: _____[21]

(131) 5. Sarah Hosmer, born: 7 Sept. 1707[22]; baptized: 7 Sept. 1707 - Hartford, Conn.[23]; died: 30 July 1754.[24]

(132) 6. Ann (Hosmer) Hamlin, born: 14 Sept. 1710[25]; baptized: 17 Sept. 1710 - Hartford, Conn.; married: 3 July 1730.[26]
married: Charles Hamlin, Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.[27]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 5. Same citation for footnotes: 15, 17, 27.

[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321.

[3]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIII (Apr., 1859), 143. -- In 1711, John Prentiss, father of Ann Prentiss, distributed his slaves to his children and their spouses. To Thomas Hosmer, John Prentiss made the following reference: "'To my son-in-law Thomas Hosmer of Hartford, one black girl named Simone, till she is 30 — then she is to be free.'". (Frances Manwaring Caulkins. *History of New London, Connecticut: From the First Survey of the Coast in 1612, to 1852*. 2nd edition. New London, Conn.: Published by the Author, 1860. p. 330).

[4]*Records of the Town of Hartford.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XXIII (Jan., 1869), 43.

[5]C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.* LII (Jan., 1921), 10.

[6]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 321. -- W. H. C. Hosmer *et al.* gave Ann's date of death as, 1 Aug. 1753. (*Pioneer Families.* p. 22). -- James B. Hosmer gave Ann's date of death as, "Aug. 1753". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 5).

[7]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Apr., 1859), 144; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 7.

[8]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 322. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 16, 19, 23, 26.

[9]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* pp. 5, 7. -- Mrs. Wilma Hagelshaw gave the date of death as, 28 Jan. 1777. (Letter, Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).

[10]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 29 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Apr., 1859), 145; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 7.

[11]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 9. -- Hartford records gave the date of Stephen's birth as, 6 Jan. 1703/04. (*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Apr., 1859), 144).

[13]*Ibid.* -- Stephen's will was dated Aug. 15, 1758. (Will - Stephen Hosmer. Aug. 15, 1758. Hartford, Hartford County, Colony of Connecticut. Witnesses: Isaac Goodwin, Isaac Goodwin Jr., Uriah Goodwin. Justice of Peace: Tho[mas] Hosmer).

[14]*Ibid.;* Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 322.

[18]*Pioneer Families.* p. 22.

[20]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 322. -- W. H. C. Hosmer *et al.* gave John's year of death as, "1761". (*Pioneer Families.* p. 22).

[21]*Ibid.;* J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 5.

[22]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Apr., 1859), 144; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 5. -- Albert Hosmer Jr. gave the date of Sarah's birth as, 7 Feb. 1709. (A. Hosmer. *Genealogical Record.* p. 4).

[24]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 322. -- James B. Hosmer gave Sarah's date of death as, Aug. 1754. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 5).

[25]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 5. -- Hartford records gave the date of Ann's birth as, "Sept [1?]4 1710". (*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Apr., 1859), 144).

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THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CAPT. THOMAS HOSMER

I, Thomas Hosmer of Hartford, do make this my last will and testament: I give unto my wife, Anne Hosmer, 1-3 part of all my lands in Hartford for her improvement during life, also 3 rooms (one lower room and two chambers) in my dwelling house, which she shall choose, the third part of my cellar, and the 1-3 part of my barn, for her use during her widowhood; also give her 1-3 part of my household stuff, 1-3 part of my stock of cattle and other creatures, and my negro woman, to be at her own dispose forever. Likewise I give her one of my negro boys, viz., Ceaser, for her service so long as she remains my widow. If she marry, the boy I give to my son Stephen. I give to my eldest son Thomas Hosmer, besides what I have conveyed to him by deed of gift, all my land (excepting 15 acres that I shall otherwise dispose of) lying and being on the east side of the highway at the west division, always provided that my son Stephen shall have the use of 1-2 the mowing land for two years, and then to return to his brother Thomas, and half the apples in the orchard for the space of six years. I also give to my son Thomas my negro boy named Hanniball, he paying £20 to his brother Stephen towards building his house, for him, my sd. son Thomas, his heirs and assigns forever. I give to my son Stephen Hosmer, besides what I have conveyed by deed of gift, 15 acres of land lying and being on the east side of the highway at the west division, bounding north on the heirs of Mr. Hain's land and south on land I have given to my son Thomas. I also give him £20 towards his house, which his brother Thomas is to pay, for him, my sd. son Stephen, his heirs and assigns forever. I give to my son Joseph Hosmer 1-2 of my land, excepting six acres that I shall otherwise dispose of, at home, both meadow and upland, with my dwelling house, barn and other edifices thereon erected, the sd. land to be measured out and bounded on the north side. Also I give to my son Joseph the northern half part of my lott of land lying below Rocky Hill. I give to my son John Hosmer the remainder of my land (excepting 4 acres that I shall otherwise dispose of) at home, both meadow and upland, lying southward of the land which I have given to my son Joseph. And likewise I give to my son John the southern half part of my lott of land below Rocky Hill. I give to my four sons, Thomas, Stephen, Joseph and John, all my

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right, share, part and interest of, in and to the large tract of land called the Western Lands, belonging to the Proprietors of Hartford and Windsor, to be equally divided between them. I give to my sons, Joseph and John, between them, my team, one yoke of oxen and two old horses, and all the utensils belonging to the team. I give to my daughter, Sarah Hosmer, 2 acres of meadow land at the east end of my meadow land, and 1-2 the breadth on the north side; also that lottment of land lately laid out on the right of my grandfather Thomas Hosmer decd., in the Five Miles of land, commonly so called, on the east side of the Connecticut River in Hartford, for her my sd. daughter Sarah forever. I give to my daughter, Anne Hosmer, 2 acres at the east end of my meadow land, half the breadth thereof, and bounded north on the land given to my daughter Sarah; and also I give to my daughter Ann that alottment of land laid out on the right of my father Stephen Hosmer decd., in the Five Miles of land, so called, on the east side of the Connecticut River in Hartford, forever. I give to my sd. two daughters, Sarah and Ann, after my just debts and legacies herein given are paid, all my moveable estate whatsoever that shall remain, with my interest, share and part in the boalting mill adjoining to the lower gristmill in Hartford, to be equally divided between them. I appoint my wife and son Thomas executors.

Witness: *John Knowles, John Cole, Rachel Knowles.*

THOMAS HOSMER, LS.

SOURCE: Will - Capt. Thomas Hosmer. Jan. 10, 1731/32. Hartford, Hartford County, Colony of Connecticut. Witnesses: John Knowles, John Cole, Rachel Knowles in *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1729-1750*. III. Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. Hartford, Conn.: R. & S. Peck & Co. Printers, 1906. pp. 69, 70.

Note: This will appeared in the, "Court Record, Page 66 - 2 May, 1732: Will and invt. exhibited and accepted."

Capt. Thomas Hosmer's estate was inventoried at £2,954. 14s. 11p. Inventory was taken on 25 Apr. 1732 by Joseph Skinner, Isaac Sheldon and John Whiting. Will dated 10 Jan. 1731/32.

47. STEPHEN HOSMER [REV.]

[Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1679[1]; baptized: 1 Aug. 1679 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 29 Sept. 1702[3]; died: 16 June 1749[4] - East Haddam, Conn.[5]; buried: Cove Cemetery - East Haddam, Conn.[6]; Religion: Congregational; Occupation: Minister[7] - First Church, East Haddam, Conn., 1704-1749[8]; Place of Residence: Hartford, Conn.; East Haddam, Conn. - 1704.[9]

married: Sarah Long, born: about 1682; died: 30 Sept. 1749[10]; buried: Cove Cemetery - East Haddam, Conn.[11]; Places of Residence: Boston, Mass.; East Haddam, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(133) 1. Dorothy Hosmer[12], born: 6 Dec. 1703[13] - East Haddam, Conn.[14]; died: 8 Sept. 1759[15]; buried: Cove Cemetery - East Haddam, Conn.[16]

(134) 2. STEPHEN HOSMER, born: 24 Apr. 1711[17] - East Haddam, Conn.[18]; died: 20 Dec. 1751.
1st marriage: Susannah Bunce
2nd marriage: Anna Johnson[19]

(135) 3. Sarah Hosmer, born: 8 Sept. 1713[20] - East Haddam, Conn.[21]

(136) 4. Zechariah[22] Hosmer, born: 25 Jan. 1715/16[23] - East Haddam, Conn.[24]; died: 13 Feb. 1737[25]; buried: Cove Cemetery - East Haddam, Conn.[26]

(137) 5. ROBERT HOSMER, born: 22 Mar. 1719/20[27] - East Haddam, Conn.[28]; died: 27 Nov. 1749.[29]
married: Mary Green[30]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 12, 15, 19.

[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321. -- Another source gave Stephen's date of baptism as, 8 Aug. 1679. (Weis. *The Colonial Clergy*. p. 111).

[3]*First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8. -- John Warner Barber, who copied the inscription on Rev. Hosmer's tombstone, gave the date of death as, 18 June 1749. (Barber. *Connecticut Historical Collections*. p. 528).

[5]Weis. *The Colonial Clergy*. p. 111. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 9.

[6]"Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 417. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 26, 29.

[8]Richard Henry Greene. *Greene (Green) Family of Plymouth Colony*. New York: Privately printed, 1909. p. 15. Hereinafter cited as, *Greene Family*. Stephen graduated from Harvard in 1699. He was the first pastor of the First Church of East Haddam. *(Ibid.)*. -- Stephen took up his pastoral duties in East Haddam on May 3, 1704. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

[11]Weis. *Colonial Clergy*. p. 111; Barber. *Connecticut Historical Collections*. p. 528.

[13]*First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329.

[14]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329.

[17]*First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332.

[18]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978, p. 6,332. Same citation for footnote: 24.

[20]*First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[21]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331. Same citation for footnote: 28.

[22]*First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of his Christian name as, "Zeckariah". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

[23]*Ibid.* -- The Computer File Index gave his date of birth as, 25 Jan. 1715. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332). -- James B. Hosmer gave the date of birth as, 5 Jan. 1716. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

[25]"Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 417. -- James B. Hosmer gave Zeckariah's date of death as, "Feb. 13th, 1738". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

[27]*First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43. -- The Computer File Index gave his date of birth as, 22 Mar. 1719. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331). -- James B. Hosmer gave his date of birth as, 22 May 1720. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

[30]William C. Kiessel. "The Green Family A Dynasty of Printers" *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. CIV (Apr., 1950), 87.

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48. HESTER [ESTHER] (HOSMER) PITKIN

[Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1679[1]; baptized: 1 Aug. 1679 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 1698; died: 1709.[3]

married: Nathaniel Pitkin[4], born: 1670[5]; died: 20 Feb. 1733[7]; Military Service: Ensign - Militia Company[8]; Religion: [Congregational][9]; Place of Residence: Hartford, Conn.[10]

CHILDREN:

(138) 1. Nathaniel Pitkin [Jr.], born: 17 Sept. 1699; baptized: 17 Sept. 1699 - Hartford, Conn.[11]

(139) 2. Hester Pitkin[12], born: 13 Mar. 1701; died: 27 Feb. 1733.[13]

(140) 3. ANNE (PITKIN) HILLS, born: 1703[14]; died: 9 June 1778 - East Hartford, Conn.[15]
married: David Hills[16]

(141) 4. DOROTHY (PITKIN) ROBERTS, born: 24 June[17] 1705[18]; died: 5 Oct. 1737.[19]
married: Benjamin Roberts[20]

(142) 5. HANNAH (PITKIN) OLCOTT/BIDWELL, born: 8 June 1707.
1st marriage: Nathaniel Olcott[21]
2nd marriage: William Bidwell[22]

(143) 6. Deborah Pitkin, born: 1709.[23]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4; A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. p. 6.

[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321.

[3]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. p. 6. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 17, 21.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. -- Nathaniel Pitkin was the son of William and Hannah (Goodwin) Pitkin (A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. p. 6). -- George Eleazer Bushnell reported that Nathaniel's parents were, William and Esther (Hosmer) Pitkin. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]. Note: On this point [Nathaniel's mother], Mr. Bushnell was probably in error. See above and footnote 5.

[5]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. p. 6; *The Goodwins of Hartford, Connecticut Descendants of William and Ozias Goodwin*. Compiled for James Junius Goodwin. Hartford, Conn.: Brown and Gross, 1891. p. 714. Hereinafter cited as, *The Goodwins*. This source also gave the names of Nathaniel's parents as, William and Hannah (Goodwin) Pitkin. *(Ibid.)*. -- The D. A. C. Lineage Book gave the year of Nathaniel's birth as, "1671". It also gave the name of Nathaniel's wife as, "Esther". (*Lineage Book - Daughters of the American Colonists*. Compiled by Alice C.

Hendricks. IV. Washington, D. C.: Press of Judd & Detweiler Inc., 1936. p. 165).

[7]*Ibid.*; *Lineage Book - Daughters of the American Colonists.* IV. 1936. p. 165.

[8]*Ibid.* Nathaniel was appointed to the position of Ensign by the General Assembly. He served in the militia company commanded by his brother, Ozias Pitkin. *(Ibid.).*

[9]*Ibid.* Nathaniel and his wife Hester were members of the "First Church of Hartford". *(Ibid.).* After the death of Hester, Nathaniel married Elizabeth Whiting, daughter of Rev. John and Phoebe (Greyson) Whiting. By her, Nathaniel had two more children: Ruth Pitkin (born: 31 Jan. 1711) and Elizabeth Pitkin (born: 4 Oct. 1719; died: 2 Oct. 1798). Elizabeth married Moses Porter. *(Ibid.).* -- Note: There is some confusion regarding the identity of Ruth Pitkin's mother. Town records contained the following entry:

> Ruth Pitkin, the daughter of Nathaniell Pitkin and Ester his wife, was born Jan. 31, 1710-11.

(*Records of Town of Hartford, 1709 to 1716.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XX (July, 1866), 236. -- According to George Eleazer Bushnell, Nathaniel and Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin had six children:

> i. Nathaniel Pitkin; ii. Esther Pitkin; iii. Ann Pitkin; iv. Dorothy Pitkin; v. Hannah Pitkin; vi. Ichabod Pitkin;

(*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* p. 33 [3-23]). Note: Ruth Pitkin was not included in George Eleazer Bushnell's list.

[10]*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* p. 33 [3-23].

[11]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* p. 6. Nathaniel [Jr.] died unmarried. *(Ibid.).*

[12]*Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave her name as, "Esther". (*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* p. 33 [3-23]).

[13]*Ibid.* Hester died unmarried. *(Ibid.).*

[14]*Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell spelled her name as, "Ann". (*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* p. 33 [3-23]). See footnote 9.

[15]*The Hills Family In America: The Ancestry and Descendants of William Hills, the English Emigrant to New England in 1632, of Joseph Hills, the English Emigrant to New England in 1638, and the Great-grandson of Robert Hills of the Parish of Wye, County of Kent, England, Emigrants to New England 1794-1806.* Compiled by William Sanford Hills and Edited by Thomas Hills. New York: The Grafton Press Genealogical Publishers, MCMVI [1906]. p. 12. Hereinafter cited as, *Hills Family.*

[16]*Ibid.*; A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* p. 6.

[18]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* p. 6; *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut: A Record of the Achievements of Her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and Founding of A Nation.* Editor: William Richard Cutter. I. New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1911. p. 587. Hereinafter cited as, *Family History of Connecticut.*

[19]*Family History of Connecticut.* I. p. 587.

[20]*Ibid.*; A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* p. 6.

[22]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* pp. 6, 17.

[23]*Ibid.* -- George Eleazer Bushnell listed another child of

Nathaniel and Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin -- Icabod Pitkin. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]. See footnote 9.

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50. MARY (HOSMER) OLMSTED/GOODWIN

[Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1684[1] - Hartford, Conn.[2]; 1st marriage: 30 Mar. 1706 - Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 2 Mar. 1760.[4]

1st marriage: Nicholas Olmsted[5], born: 1679 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 29 Nov. 1717[6]; Place of Residence: East Hartford, Conn.[7]

CHILDREN:

(144) 1. Mary (Olmsted) Spencer, born: 6 Feb. 1706/07 - Hartford, Conn.[8]; died: 14 Mar. 1736.
married: Thomas Spencer[9]

(145) 2. STEPHEN OLMSTED, born: 7 Apr. 1709 - Hartford, Conn.[10]; died: 14 Oct. 1799.
1st marriage: Margaret Olcott
2nd marriage: Lucy Wolcott
3rd marriage: Sarah _____[11]

(146) 3. Isaac Olmsted, born: 28 Sept. 1710 - Hartford, Conn.[12]; died: 5 Sept. 1737.[13]

(147) 4. NATHANIAL OLMSTED, born: 6 June 1713 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 27 July 1791.
married: Sarah Pitkin[14]

(148) 5. Abigail Olmsted, born: 1716.[15]

2nd marriage: John Goodwin [Deacon][16], baptized: 19 May 1672 - Hartford, Conn.[17]; died: 6 Feb. 1757[18]; Occupation: Weaver[19]; Place of Residence: East Hartford, Conn.[20]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[2]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[3]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1685-1709, No. I*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. (Oct., 1859), 345; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4.

[5]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1685-1709, No. I*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Reg-*

ister. XIII (Oct., 1859), 345; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[6]*Olmsted Family*. p. 19. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 13, 15.

[7]C. N. Cowles. *Genealogy of the Cowles Family in America*. I. New Haven, Conn.: Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, 1929. p. 31.

[8]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1685-1709, No. I*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIII (July, 1859), 242. Same citation for footnote: 12.

[10]*Ibid.* -- Henry King Olmsted gave Stephen's date and place of birth as, "Apr. 1, 1709" - "E. Hartford, Conn.". (*Olmsted Family*. p. 25).

[11]*Olmsted Family*. p. 25. Same citation for footnote: 14.

[16]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4. -- John was the son of Nathaniel Goodwin Sr. (*The Goodwins*. p. 566).

[17]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Oct., 1858), 334.

[18]*The Goodwins*. p. 567.

[19]*Ibid.*, p. 566. John Goodwin, like his father and grandfather before him, was a weaver. *(Ibid.)*.

[20]*Ibid.*

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51. DEBORAH (HOSMER) OLMSTED

[Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1687[1]; baptized: 13 Mar. 1687 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 8 May 1712[3] - Hartford, Conn.[4]; died: 23 Sept. 1716.

married: Richard Olmsted[5], born: 1682 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 9 Jan. 1760.

CHILDREN:

(149) **1. THADDEUS OLMSTED, born: 20 Aug. 1713 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 28 Nov. 1793. married: Hannah Pitkin[6]**

(150) **2. Deborah Olmsted, born: 23 Apr. 1715; died: 17 Jan. 1716.[7]**

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4.

[2]*Olmsted Family*. p. 19; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 321.

[3]*Ibid.*; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4.

[4]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. 6,329.

[5]*Olmsted Family*. p. 19; J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329. -- Richard's brothers, Nicholas and Nehemiah, married Deborah's sisters, Mary and Clemence. (*Olmsted Family*. p. 19).

[6]*Ibid.*, pp. 19, 26.

[7]*Ibid.*, p. 19.

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52. CLEMENCE (HOSMER) OLMSTED

[Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1691[1]; married: 7 July 1711 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; died: 7 Sept. 1755.[3]

married: Nehemiah Olmsted[4], born: 21 Mar. 1685/86 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 4 Oct. 1763.[5]

CHILDREN:

(151) 1. **SAMUEL OLMSTED, born: 1712 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 23 Apr. 1801.**
married: Jerusha Pitkin

(152) 2. **CLEMENCE (OLMSTED) STANLEY, born: 1714 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 8 June 1782.**
married: William Stanley[6]

(153) 3. **DOROTHY (OLMSTED) STEVENS, born: 1716 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 24 Apr. 1784.**
married: Benjamin Stevens[7]

(154) 4. **Rebecca Olmsted, born: 1719; died: 31 Jan. 1785.**

(155) 5. **Ruth Olmsted, born: 1720; died: 12 Sept. 1787.**

(156) 6. **Nehemiah Olmsted, born: 1722; died: 2 Sept. 1791.**

(157) 7. **Moses Olmsted, born: 1723; died: 15 Oct. 1788.**

(158) 8. **Esther Olmsted, born: 1726; died: 7 Nov. 1773.[8]**

(159) 9. **MARTHA (OLMSTED) WOODBRIDGE, born: 1728 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 3 June 1791.**
married: Samuel Woodbridge[9]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4; *Olmsted Family*. p. 19.

[2]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329.

[3]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 4; *Olmsted Family*. p. 19. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave her dates as, "1691-1755". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 647).

[4]*Ibid.*; *Olmsted Family*. p. 19; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 647; Computer File Index. State:

Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329. -- Nehemiah was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Butler) Olmstead of East Hartford, Conn. *(Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 647*)*.

[5]*Olmsted Family.* p. 19. Same citation for footnote: 8.

[6]*Ibid.*, pp. 19, 26.

[7]*Ibid.*, pp. 19, 27. Same citation for footnote: 9.

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53. SAMUEL WILLARD

[Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 19 Sept. 1658 - Hartford, Conn.[1]; married: 6 June[2] 1683[3]; died: 19 Jan.[4] 1716[5] - Saybrook, Conn.[6]; Occupation: Town Clerk - Saybrook, Conn.[7], 1713[8]; Place of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.[9]

married: Sarah Clark[10], died: 25 Jan.[11] 1722/23.[12]

CHILDREN:

(160) **1. SAMUEL WILLARD [JR.], born: 1693; died: 1779. married: Sarah Stillman[13]**

(161) **2. JOSEPH WILLARD, born: 1696; died: 1723. married: Susanna Lynde[14]**

[1]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* p. 19. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Jan., 1859), 52; Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* IV. 1862. p. 544.

[2]"Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.* LIV (Apr., 1923), 191. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6, 11.

[3]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 824. Same citation [both sources] for footnotes: 5, 10, 12.

[7]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 824. Same citation for footnote: 13.

[8]*Ibid.* VI. 1937. p. 635.

[9]*Ibid.*, p. 614. Samuel commanded Saybrook fort in 1696. *(Ibid.)*. -- Samuel bought 5 acres in Saybrook in 1687. *(Ibid.*, p. 635*)*. Same citation for footnote: 14.

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55. DOROTHY (WILLARD) BELDEN

[Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1664 - Wethersfield, Conn.; married: 15 June 1682; died: 28 Feb. 1754 - Wethersfield, Conn.; buried: Wethersfield, Conn.[1]

married: John Belden[2], born: 12 June 1658 - Wethersfield, Conn.; died: 10 Jan. 1713/14.

CHILDREN:

(162) 1. Josiah Belden, born: 14 Feb. 1682/83 - Wethersfield, Conn.; married: 1 May 1707; died: 5 Sept. 1746 - Rocky Hill, Conn.
married: Mabel Wright

(163) 2. John Belden, born: 3 Dec. 1685 - Wethersfield, Conn.; 1st marriage: 1 May 1712; 2nd marriage: 22 Mar. 1714/15; 3rd marriage: 16 Dec. 1718.
1st marriage: Keziah Gilbert, died: 2 Dec. 1712.
2nd marriage: Patience Rosseter, died: 9 Mar. 1715/16.
3rd marriage: Sarah Griswold

(164) 3. Benjamin Belden, born: 13 Jan. 1687 - Wethersfield, Conn.; married: 29 Jan. 1713/14.
married: Anne Churchill

(165) 4. Lydia Belden, born: 9 Apr. 1690 - Wethersfield, Conn.; died: 6 Apr. 1693.

(166) 5. Hannah Belden, born: 12 Sept.[3] 1692.

(167) 6. LYDIA (BELDEN) KIRTLAND, born: 30 Nov. 1694 - Wethersfield, Conn.; died: 7 Nov. 1749.
married: John Kirtland -- Also see listing # 69.

(168) 7. Stephen Belden, born: 21 May 1697 - Wethersfield, Conn.

(169) 8. Ezra Belden, born: 27 Nov. 1699 - Wethersfield, Conn.; married: 13 or 15 Feb. 1721/22.[4]
married: Elizabeth Belding[5]

(170) 9. Dorothy Belden, born: 11 May 1702 - Wethersfield, Conn.; died: 2 July 1704.[6]

[1] "Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.* LIV (Apr., 1923), 191.

[2] *Ibid.* John was the son of John and Lydia (Standish) Belden of Wethersfield, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

[3] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 6.

[4] *Ibid.*, p. 192.

[5] *Ibid.* Ezra and Elizabeth were first cousins. *(Ibid.).*

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56. SIMON WILLARD

[Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: Wethersfield, Conn.; married: 12 Feb. 1690/91; died: 8 Jan.[1] 1726/27.

married: Mary Gilbert[2], born: 18 Nov.[3] 1670[4]; died: 1 Dec.[5] 1712.[6]

CHILD:

(171) 1. EPHRAM WILLARD, born: 1707; died: 1766.
married: Lydia Griswold[7]

[1]"Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 5.

[2]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 361. Same citation [both sources] for footnotes: 4, 6.

[7]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 361.

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60. HANNAH (WILLARD) MEIGS

[Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1674[1] - (probably) Wethersfield, Conn.[2]; married: 18 May 1698[3]; died: 4 Jan. 1749.[4]

married: Janna Meigs [Capt.][5], born: 27 Dec. 1672 - East Guilford, Conn.[6]; died: 5 June 1739[7]; Public Offices: First Magistrate - East Guilford, Conn.[8]; Deputy Governor of Connecticutt [sic] - 1698[9]; Member - Connecticut Legislature: 1716-1718, 1726; Justice of the Peace - New Haven Colony: 1722-1733[10]; Military Service: Capt. - Guilford Train Band, Capt. of a company - Queen Anne's War[11]; Places of Residence: Guilford, Conn.[12]; East Guilford, Conn.[13]

CHILDREN:

(172) 1. JANNA MEIGS, born: 17 Apr. 1699; died: 12 Feb. 1772.[14]
married: Elizabeth Dudley[15]

(173) 2. JOSIAH MEIGS, born: 14 May 1701; died: 26 Dec. 1774.
married: Mary Hand

(174) 3. JEHIEL MEIGS, born: 11 June 1703; died: 23 Mar. 1780.
married: Lucy Bartlett

(175) 4. Hannah Meigs, born: 13 Aug. 1705; died: 20 May 1727.

(176) 5. RETURN MEIGS, born: 16 Mar. 1708; died: 22 June 1782.
1st marriage: Elizabeth Hamlin[16]
2nd marriage: Jane _____[17]

(177) 6. ESTHER [HESTER] (MEIGS) BISHOP, born: 19 June 1709[18] - Guilford, Conn.[19]; died: 25 Dec. 1761 - Middletown, Conn.[20]
married: Stephen Bishop[21] IV[22]

(178) 7. Silence Meigs, born: 5 Jan. 1712; died: 9 Jan. 1712.

(179) 8. Submit Meigs, born: 5 Jan. 1712; died: 16 Jan. 1712.[23]

(180) 9. TIMOTHY MEIGS, born: 19 Sept. 1713; died: 14 Sept. 1751.
married: Mary French

(181) 10. Eunice Meigs, born: 19 Oct. 1715.[24]

[1]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512; *Descendants of John Bishop*. pp. 229, 235; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. pp. 26, 303, 307; "Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191.

[2]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. IV. 1862. p. 544.

[3]*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 235; *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512; "Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923). -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Hannah's year of marriage as, "1698". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. pp. 26, 303, 307).

[4]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512. -- Two other sources also gave the year of Hannah's death as, "1749". (*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 229); (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. pp. 26, 303, 307).

[5]*Records of the Descendants of Vincent Meigs: Who Came From Dorsetshire, England to America about 1635*. 1st Edition prepared by Henry B. Meigs in 1901 and published in 1902. 2nd Edition prepared by Return Meigs, 9th. Typed Manuscript. Published by the Compiler, 1935. p. 9. Hereinafter cited as, *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. Janna Meigs was the son of Deacon John Meigs of East Guilford. *(Ibid.)*. -- The Registration of Pedigrees also reported that Hannah Willard married, " ... May 18, 1698, Captain Janna Meigs of Guilford, Conn." ("Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 191).

[6]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512. This source gave his date of birth as, "27 Dec. 1762". This was obviously a

transcription error. -- Two other sources reported that Janna was born in 1672. (*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 235); (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9).

[7]*Ibid.* -- Three separate sources also gave Janna's year of death as, "1739". (*Descendants of John Bishop*. pp. 233, 235); (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9); (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. pp. 26, 303, 307).

[8]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26.

[9]*Descendants of John Bishop*. pp. 233, 235; *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512.

[10]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512. Same citation for footnote: 16.

[11]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303.

[12]*Descendants of John Bishop*. pp. 233, 235.

[13]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 307.

[14]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9.

[15]*Ibid.*, p. 515; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 13.

[17]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 14. Jane was a widow when she married Return. *(Ibid.)*.

[18]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 515; *Descendants of John Bishop*. pp. 233, 235. This same source elsewhere gave her date of birth as, "12.19.1709". (*Ibid.*, p. 233). -- Another source gave Hester's date of birth as, "Dec. 19, 1709". (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9).

[19]*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 27.

[20]Letter, Esther (Mould) Leidhold to Ronald Hosmer, Aug. 30, 1977. Same citation for footnote: 22.

[21]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 515; *Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 235; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9.

[23]*Ibid.; Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9. Silence and Submit were twins. *(Ibid.)*.

[24]*Ibid.*

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61. DANIEL MALTBY

[Hannah (Hosmer) Maltby ?[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

After additional investigation, it is still unclear whether Daniel Maltby was Hannah Hosmer's natural son or her stepson. One source reported that Daniel was the son of William and Abigail (Bishop) Maltby.[1] Because of this uncertainty, the descendants of Daniel Maltby will not be given in this general listing.

[1]*Family Record of the Maltby-Morehouse Family: A List of Pedigrees With Genealogical Notes, Arranged For The Convenience Of The Children of George Ellsworth Maltby and Georgia Lord (Morehouse) Maltby.* "By Their Mother". [n. d.]. pp. 17, 18. According to this source, Daniel was the fourth child of William and Abigail (Bishop) Maltby. (*Ibid.*, p. 17). Note: Hannah (Hosmer) [widow of Josiah Willard] was William Maltby's second wife.

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62. HESTER (BUCKINGHAM) BEAUMONT

[Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 10 June 1668[1]; married: 1687; died: 1709.[2]

married: Samuel Beaumont[3]. born: 1657; died: 1748; Place of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.

CHILD:

(182) 1. SAMUEL BEAUMONT [JR.] married: Abigail Denison[4]

[1]"Records of Saybrook, Ct.," Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IV (Jan., 1850), 20.

[2]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* IV. 1930. p. 50. Same citation for footnote: 4.

[3]*Ibid.* Samuel was the son of William and Lydia (Danforth) Beaumont of Saybrook, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

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63. THOMAS BUCKINGHAM

[Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 29 Sept. 1670 - Saybrook, Conn.[1]; married: 16 Dec. 1691.[2]

married: Margaret Griswould[3]

CHILD:

(183) 1. THOMAS BUCKINGHAM [JR.], born: 24 Jan. 1693/94[4];

died: 13 Dec. 1760.
married: Mary Parker[5]

[1]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834.* p. 10; "Records of Saybrook, Ct.,". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IV (Jan., 1850), 20.
[2]"Records of Saybrook, Ct.,". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IV (Jan., 1850), 20. Same citation for footnote: 4.
[3]*Ibid.* -- Margaret was the daughter of Lt. Francis Griswold of Norwich, Conn., and the granddaughter of Edward Griswold, one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn. (Letter, Gretchen Hosmer to Ronald Roberts, Jan. 15, 1976).
[5]Letter, Gretchen Hosmer to Ronald Roberts, Jan. 15, 1976.

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64. DANIELL BUCKINGHAM

[Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 2 Oct. 1672 - Saybrook, Conn.[1]; married: 24 May 1693[2]; died: 1725.

married: Sarah Lee

CHILD:

(184) 1. STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM, born: 1703; died: 1762.
married: Elizabeth Sherwood[3]

[1]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834.* p. 10; "Records of Saybrook, Ct.,". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IV (Jan., 1850), 20.
[2]"Records of Saybrook, Ct.,". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IV (Jan., 1850), 20.
[3]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* I. 1925. p. 62.

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68. HEZEKIAH BUCKINGHAM

[Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen

Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 21 June 1682 - Saybrook, Conn.[1]; married: 15 Dec. 1703[2]; died: 1752[3]; Place of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.[4]

married: Sarah Lay[5]

CHILD:

(185) 1. NATHAN BUCKINGHAM, born: 1714; died: 1796.
married: Constant Tiffany[6]

[1]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 10; "Records of Saybrook, Ct.,". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IV (Jan., 1850), 20.
[2]*Saulsbury Notes on People of Genesee County*. Prepared by Mrs. Mae Kenny, Dr. Frances Witmer, Mr. Albert Mc Vean, Mr. Robert Saulsbury (Typist). Cemeteries copied by Ladies of the DAR - Le Roy Chapter - Te-car-na-wum-ra. Typed manuscript. Unpublished. [Prepared in the early 1920's] [n. p.]. Hereinafter cited as, *Saulsbury's Notes*.
[3]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 906.
[4]*Ibid.*
[5]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 906.
[6]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 906.

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69. TEMPERANCE (BUCKINGHAM) KIRTLAND

[Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 6 Jan. 1684 - Saybrook, Conn.[1]; married: 3 Mar. 1702/03[2]; died: 1714.

married: John Kirtland [Capt.][3], born: 11 July 1681 - Saybrook, Conn.; Military Service: Capt. - Horse Troop, 7th Regiment, Connecticut Colony; Place of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.[4]

CHILD:

(186) 1. TEMPERANCE (KIRTLAND) SOUTHWORTH, born: 1710.
married: Andrew Southworth[5]

[1]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 10; "Records of

Saybrook, Ct.". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IV (Jan., 1850), 20.

[2]"Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923), 192. Temperance was John Kirtland's first wife. After her death, John married Lydia Belden [see generation "d", listing #167]. *(Ibid.)*.
Note: Temperance and Lydia were first cousins, once removed.

[3]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 435. John was the son of John and Lydia (Pratt) Kirtland of Saybrook, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[4]*Ibid.;* The *Compendium* ... also gave John's year of birth as, 1681. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 435).

[5]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 435.

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70. ANNE (BUCKINGHAM) DOTY

[Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 2 Aug. 1687 - Saybrook, Conn.[1]; married: 3 Dec. 1706[2]; died: 1745.

married: Samuel Doty [Capt.][3], born: 1681; died: 1750[4]; Occupation: Mariner[5]; Military Service: Train Band, 1727; Public Office: Representative from Saybrook to the General Assembly, 1732-37; Place of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.[6]

CHILDREN:

(187) 1. **SARAH (DOTY) STILLMAN, born: 18 Nov. 1708[7] - Saybrook, Conn.[8]; died: 4 Oct. 1732.[9]**
married: Benjamin Stillman[10]

(188) 2. **SAMUEL DOTY, born: 17 June 1712[11] - Saybrook, Conn.[12]; died: 1751.**
married: Margery Parker[13]

[1]"Records of Saybrook, Ct.". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IV (Jan., 1850), 20. -- Saybrook Vital Records recorded that, "Mr. Thomas Buckingham was married to Hester Hosmer the 20th September [16]66." Their daughter, "Anne Buckingham [was] born the 2d of August 1687". (*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 10).

[2]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 62. This source contained the following entry: "Sameull Doty & Ann Buckinghame were married each to other the 3d day of December 1706". *(Ibid.)*. The *Compendium* ... also reported the year of their marriage as, 1706. *(Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476).

[3]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 121. Samuel was the son of Edward and Sarah (Faunce) Doty and the grandson of Edward Doty, a *Mayflower* Pilgrim. *(Ibid.)*.

[4]*Ibid.* IV. 1930. p. 476.

[5]*Ibid.* This source gave the following information on Samuel Doty: " ... mariner, trading with Barbados; his vessel *'Six Friends'* pressed into gov. service, 1710, in expdn. against Nova Scotia." *(Ibid.)*.

[6]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476. Same citation for footnote: 10.

[7]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 62. This source contained the following entry: "Their [Samuell and Ann (Buckinghame) Doty's] daughter Sarah was born ye 18th November 1708". *(Ibid.)*. -- The *Compendium* ... also reported the year of Sarah's birth as, 1708. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476).

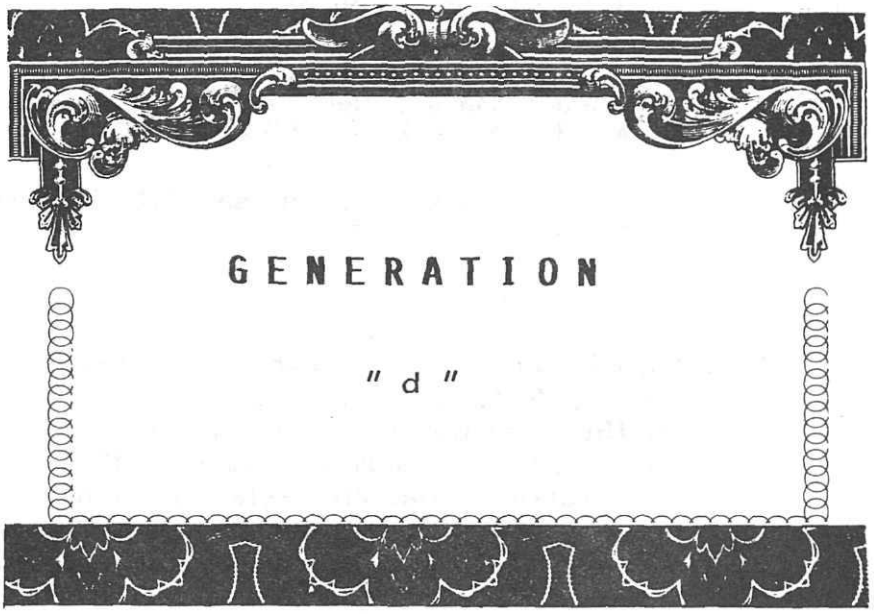
[8]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 12.

[9]"Records of Wethersfield, Conn.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XX (Apr., 1866), 128. This source reported that Sarah, wife of Benjamin Stillman and daughter of Capt. Samuel Doty, died at the age of 23 years 10 months and 15 days. *(Ibid.)*. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Sarah's year of death as, 1732. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476).

[11]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 62. This source contained the following entry: "Their [Samuell and Ann (Buckinghame) Doty's] son Samuell was born the 17th day of June 1712". *(Ibid.)*. -- The *Compendium* ... also reported the year of Samuel's birth as, 1712. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 121).

[13]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 121.

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Happy the man who can recall his fathers
With joy, who with their deeds and greatness can
Regale a hearer, and with quiet pleasure
Beholds himself at the close of that fair
Succession.

-- GOETHE

(*Iphigenia in Tauris*, 1787)

Generation "a"

76. HANNAH (HUNT) SUMNER

[Thomas Hunt[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 3 Oct. 1702 - Lebanon, Conn.; married: 11 Oct. 1721[1];
died: 2 Apr. 1781[2] - Claremont, N. H.[3]

married: William Sumner [Dr.][4], born: 18 Mar. 1699 - Boston, Mass.; died: 4 Mar. 1778 - Claremont, N. H.; Occupation: Physician[5]; Place of Residence: Boston, Mass. - Departed 1732[6]; Hebron, Conn. - Departed 1767; Claremont, N. H. - from 1767.

CHILDREN:

(189) 1. William Sumner, born: 6 Feb. 1723 - Lebanon, Conn.; died: 22 Oct. 1748.

(190) 2. Mary (Sumner) Rowley, born: 8 Feb. 1725 - Hebron, Conn.; married: 20 June 1748.
married: Nathan Rowley, Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.[7]

(191) 3. REUBEN SUMNER, born: 29 May 1727 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 2 Apr. 1807.[8]
married: Elizabeth Mack[9]

(192) 4. Hannah (Sumner) Kilbourn, born: 23 Apr. 1730 - Hebron, Conn.; married: 25 Sept. 1746.
married: John Kilbourn, died: 1776; Place of Residence: Claremont, N. H.[10]

(193) 5. CLEMENT SUMNER, born: 15 July 1731 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 29 Mar. 1795 - Keene, N. H.[11]
married: Elizabeth Gilbert[12]

(194) 6. Thomas Sumner, born: 7 May 1733 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 25 May 1733.[13]

(195) 7. THOMAS SUMNER, born: 11 May 1734[14] - Hebron, Conn.; died: 4 Jan. 1820 - near Toronto, Canada.
married: Rebecca Downer[15]

(196) 8. JONATHAN SUMNER, born: 15 Mar. 1735 - Hebron, Conn.[16]
married: Submit Culver[17]

(197) 9. BENJAMIN SUMNER, born: 5 Feb. 1737 - Hebron, Conn.[18]; died: 9 May 1815 - Claremont, N. H.
married: Prudence Hubbard[19]

(198) 10. Elizabeth (Sumner) Taylor, born: 22 May 1742 - Hebron, Conn.; married: Jan. 1762.
married: Joseph Taylor, Place of Resi-

dence: Cornish, N. H.

(199) 11. Sarah (Sumner) Grannis, born: 22 May 1749 - Hebron, Conn.; married: 1771.
married: Timothy Grannis[20], Place of Residence: Claremont, N. H.[21]

[1]*Ruf and Allied Families.* pp. 108, 109.
[2]*Descendants of William Sumner.* p. 8; *Ruf and Allied Families.* pp. 32, 109.
[3]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 109.
[4]*Ibid.; Descendants of William Sumner.* p. 7. -- William was the son of Clement and Margaret (Harris) Sumner. (*Descendants of William Sumner.* p. 4).
[5]*Descendants of William Sumner.* pp. 7, 8.
[6]*Ibid.* William and his wife Hannah were dismissed from the Second Church at Boston in 1732 so that they could move and could attend the church in Hebron, Conn. *(Ibid.).*
[7]*Ibid.*, p. 8. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 13, 20.
[8]*Ibid.*, pp. 8, 17.
[9]*Ibid.*, p. 17; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 32.
[11]*Ibid.*, pp. 8, 17, 18.
[12]*Ibid.*, p. 17; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 33.
[14]*Ibid.*, pp. 8, 18. Same citation for footnote: 16.
[15]*Ibid.*, p. 18. Same citation for footnote: 17.
[18]*Ibid.*, pp. 8, 19.
[19]*Ibid.*, p. 19; *Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 33.
[21]*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 33.

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82. ELIZABETH (HUNT) POMROY [POMEROY]

[Jonathan Hunt [Lt.][C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[B], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 2 Mar. 1701[1]; married: 30 Jan. 1722[2]; died: 10 June 1782.[3]

married: Ebenezer Pomroy [Pomeroy][4], born: 18 Sept. 1697; died: 22 Apr. 1774.

CHILDREN:

(200) 1. Ebenezer Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 1 May 1723.
(201) 2. Elizabeth Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 27 Jan. 1727; died: 3 Feb. 1727.
(202) 3. Elizabeth (Pomroy [Pomeroy]) Hawley/Lyman, born: 3 Mar. 1729; 1st marriage: 4 Dec. 1751.
1st marriage: Elisha Hawley
2nd marriage: Phineas Lyman

(203) 4. Stephen Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 13 July 1732.
married: Eleanor Lyman

(204) 5. Heman Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 27 June 1734.
married: Esther Lyman

(205) 6. Ethan Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 22 Jan. 1735/36; died: 26 Jan. 1736.

(206) 7. Esther (Pomroy [Pomeroy]) Lyman, baptized: 7 Aug. 1737; married: 1771.
married: Elijah Lyman[5]

[1]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. 1860. p. 501; Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219.

[2]William K. Wright, Esq. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 42. -- Sheldon gave Elizabeth's date of marriage as, Apr. 26, 1722. (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219).

[3]*Ibid.* Elizabeth was 81 years old at the time of her death [1782 - 81 = 1701]. *(Ibid.).* -- This corresponds to the date of birth supplied by Savage [2 Mar. 1701]. (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. 1860. p. 501).

[4]*Ibid.*, p. 41. Ebenezer was the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (King) Pomeroy. *(Ibid.).*

[5]*Ibid.*, 42.

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83. SAMUEL HUNT [CAPT.]

[Jonathan Hunt (Lt.)[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1703[1]; died: 28 Feb.[2] 1770[3] - Northfield, Mass.[4]; Places of Residence: Guilford, Vt. [grantee] - 1754; Hartford, Vt. - 1761; Northfield, Mass.[5]

married: Anna Ellsworth[6], born: about 1704[7]; died: 1794.

CHILD:

(207) 1. ANNA E. (HUNT) HUBBARD, born: 1736; died: 1795.
married: John Hubbard[8]

[1]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219; *Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 327.

[2]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 4.

[3]*Ibid.*; *Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 327.

[5]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 327. Same citation for footnote: 8.

[6]*Ibid.* Anna was the daughter of John Ellsworth of Windsor, Conn. *(Ibid.)*. -- The *History of Deerfield* also noted that Anna was the daughter of John Ellsworth. This source, however, stated that John Ellsworth was from Hartford, Conn. (Sheldon. *History of Deerfield*. II. p. 219).

[7]*Ibid.* Anna's year of birth was determined from her age at death [1794 - 90 years = 1704]. *(Ibid.)*.

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84. MARY (HUNT) POMROY [POMEROY]

[Jonathan Hunt (Lt.)[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 14 Nov. 1705[1]; married: 14 Dec. 1732; died: 11 Sept. 1777.[2]

married: Seth Pomroy [Pomeroy][3], born: 20 May 1706[4]; died: 19 Feb. 1771 - Peekskill, [N. Y.][5]; Military Service: French [and Indian] War[6], American Revolutionary War - Colonel.[7]

CHILDREN:

(208) 1. Seth Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 26 Feb. 1733; died: 1770 - Greenfield Hill, Conn.; Occupation: Tutor - Yale College, 1756-1757, Minister [?]; Place of Residence: Greenfield, Conn.[8]

(209) 2. Quartus Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 14 May 1735.[9]

(210) 3. Medad Pomroy [Pomeroy], baptized: 14 Nov. 1736[10]; married: 15 Oct. 1767; Places of Residence: Northfield, Mass.; Warwick [Mass.].[11]
married: Sarah Hunt[12]

(211) 4. Lemuel Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 24 Sept. 1738.

(212) 5. Martha (Pomroy [Pomeroy]) Olcott, born: 12 Aug. 1740.
married: Bulkley Olcott [Rev.], Place of Residence: Charlestown, N. H.

(213) 6. Mary (Pomroy [Pomeroy]) Shepard, born: 16 Aug. 1742.
married: Levi Shepard [Dr.]

(214) 7. Sarah (Pomroy [Pomeroy]) Burbank, born: June 1744.
married: Abraham Burbank, Place of Residence: West Springfield, Mass.

(215) 8. Child [Name Unknown], born: Feb. 1747.

(216) 9. Asabel Pomroy [Pomeroy], born: 1 Dec. 1749.[13]

[1]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. 1860. p. 501; Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219.

[2]William K. Wright, Esq. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 43. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 9, 11, 13.

[3]*Ibid.*, 41. Seth was the son of Ebenezer and Sarah (King) Pomeroy and the brother of Ebenezer Pomeroy Jr. who married Elizabeth Hunt [sister of Mary]. *(Ibid.).*

[4]*Ibid.*

[6]Sheldon. *History of Deerfield.* II. p. 219.

[7]William K. Wright, Esq. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 43. Mr. William Wright wrote the following regarding Seth's military career: "COL. SETH POMEROY ... died in the army at Peekskill, Feb. 19, 1777, aged 71. He was a patriot of the revolution, conspicuous for his bravery at the battle of Bunker Hill". *(Ibid.).*

[8]*Ibid.* Seth graduated from Yale College in 1753. He studied for the ministry. *(Ibid.).*

[10]*Ibid.* Medad graduated from Yale College in 1757. He studied medicine. *(Ibid.).*

[12]*Ibid.* Sarah was the daughter of Samuel Hunt of Northfield, Mass. *(Ibid.).*

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89. CLEMENCE (WRIGHT) ALVORD

[Hannah (Hunt) Wright[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1703[1]; married: 30 July 1730 - Northampton, Hampshire County, Mass.[2]; died: 1776.[3]

married: Joseph Alvord[4], born: 6 Mar. 1697 - Northampton, Mass.[5]; died: 1786; Place of Residence: Northampton, Mass.[6]

CHILDREN:

(217) 1. Elisha Alvord, born: 15 Mar. 1731 - Northampton, Mass.[7]

(218) 2. Joseph Alvord, born: 12 May 1733 - Northampton, Mass.[8]

(219) 3. STEPHEN ALVORD, born: 1735; died: 1812. married: Abigail Davis[9]

(220) 4. Lucy Alvord, born: 12 Jan. 1740 - Northampton, Mass.[10]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 777. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 6, 9.

[2]Computer File Index. State: Massachusetts. Current as of Sept. 1981. p. 844.
[4]*Ibid.* Joseph was the son of Ebenezer and Ruth (Baker) Alvord of Northampton, Mass. *(Ibid.)*. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Joseph's parents as, Ebenezer and Ruth (Baker) Alvord. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 777).
[5]*Ibid.* -- The *Compendium* ... also gave the year of Joseph's birth as, 1697. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 777).
[7]*Ibid.*, p. 842.
[8]*Ibid.*, p. 845. Same citation for footnote: 10.

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92. STEPHEN HUNT

[Ebenezer Hunt (Deacon)[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 July 1701[1]; married: 1730; died: 1784; Place of Residence: Lebanon, Conn.

married: Esther Janes

CHILD:

(221) **1. ELIJAH HUNT, born: 1749; died: 1815. married: Abigail Reynolds[2]**

[1]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. II. 1860. p. 499. -- The *Compendium* ... gave Stephen's year of birth as, 1702. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 673).
[2]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 673.

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103. STEPHEN SHELDON

[Mary (Hunt) Sheldon[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 2 Feb. 1708/09 - Northampton, Mass.[1]; married: 1736[2]; died: 1781.[3]

married: Thankful King[4], born: 9 Feb. 1712.[5]

CHILDREN:

(222) **1. EBENEZER SHELDON[6], born: 10 Dec.[7] 1738[8] -**

Southhampton, Conn.
married: Esther Strong[9]

(223) 2. Stephen Sheldon, born: 1739 - Southhampton, Conn.
(224) 3. Esther Sheldon, born: 1742.
(225) 4. Joseph Sheldon, born: 1744.
(226) 5. Thankful (Sheldon) Strong, born: 1748.
married: Elihu Strong
(227) 6. Eunice (Sheldon) Lyman, born: 1752.
married: Elias Lyman Jr.
(228) 7. Simeon Sheldon, born: 1755; died: 1784; Military Service: Revolutionary War - 7 years.[10]

[1]J. Gardner Bartlett. "The Sheldons of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England and Isaac Sheldon of New England". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* LXXX (Oct., 1926), 399. -- Rev. Sheldon reported that Stephen Sheldon was born in 1709 in, "Southampton". (H. O. Sheldon. *Sheldon Magazine.* p. 2).

[2]William K. Wright. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 41. Same citation for footnote: 5.

[3]H. O. Sheldon. *Sheldon Magazine.* 1855. p. 5. Same citation for footnote: 10.

[4]*Ibid.;* William K. Wright. "The Pomeroys of Northampton, Mass.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XLIII (Jan., 1889), 41.

[6]*Ibid.;* Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 15, 1978.

[7]Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 15, 1978. Same citation for footnote: 9.

[8]*Ibid.;* H. O. Sheldon. *Sheldon Magazine.* 1855. p. 5.

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107. MOSES SHELDON [DEACON]

[Mary (Hunt) Sheldon[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: Nov. 1716 - Northampton, Mass.; married: 20 Apr. 1749 - Durham, Conn.; died: 12 Jan. 1807[1]; Places of Residence: Durham, Conn. - 1760[2]; Salisbury, Litchfield County, Conn. - 1765[3], 1790.[4]

married: Elizabeth Grave[5], born: 21 June 1723 - Durham, Conn.; died: 19 May 1782 - Salisbury, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(229) 1. EZRA SHELDON, born: Durham, Conn.; baptized: 11 Nov. 1750 - Durham, Conn.
married: Abigail Reed

(230) 2. Moses Sheldon, born: Durham, Conn.; baptized: 12 Nov. 1752 - Durham, Conn.
(231) 3. Mary Sheldon, born: about 1754 - Durham, Conn.
(232) 4. Hannah Sheldon, born: Durham, Conn.
(233) 5. Sarah Sheldon, born: Durham, Conn.[6]

[1]J. Gardner Bartlett. "The Sheldons of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and Isaac Sheldon of New England. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 399, 400.
[2]*Ibid.*, 400. According to this source, Moses' name appeared on a list of Durham residents who subscribed for the investigation of a grant of land in Nova Scotia. *(Ibid.)*. [in 1760].
[3]*Ibid.* Moses arrived in Salisbury around 1765. *(Ibid.)*.
[4]*Ibid.* Moses' name appeared in the 1790 census for Salisbury, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.
[5]*Ibid.* Elizabeth was the daughter of Noadiah and Sarah (———) Grave. *(Ibid.)*.
[6]*Ibid.*

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109. ELIAS SHELDON

[Mary (Hunt) Sheldon[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 13 Mar. 1720/21 - Northampton, Mass.; died: 1793[1];
Place of Residence: Northampton, Mass.[2]

married: _____

CHILD:

(234) 1. ISAAC SHELDON, born: 1774; died: 1862.
married: _____ [3]

[1]J. Gardner Bartlett. "The Sheldons of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and Isaac Sheldon of New England. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 399.
[2]*Ibid.* Elias inherited the family homestead on Bridge Street. *(Ibid.)*.
[3]*Ibid.* Isaac Sheldon was Elias' youngest son. *(Ibid.)*.

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112. HANNAH (POST) BARBER/BLISS/TRUMBULL

[Hannah (Hosmer) Post[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 29 Mar. 1692/93 - Saybrook, Conn.[1]; 1st marriage: 1711[2]; 2nd marriage: 14 Dec. 1732[3] - Hebron, Conn.[4]; 3rd marriage: 27 Oct. 1742[5]; died: 1759.[6]

1st marriage: David Barber[7], born: 1686; died: 1729; Military Service: Capt. of Military Company; Public Office: Member of General Assembly; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.

CHILD:

(235) 1. DAVID BARBER [JR.], born: 1716; died: 1801.
1st marriage: ———
2nd marriage: Abigail Newcomb[8]

2nd marriage: John Bliss [Rev.][9], born: 23 Oct. 1690 - Norwich, Conn.; died: 1 Feb. 1741[10]; Religion: Congregational; Episcopal[11]; Occupation: Minister, Congregational Church, 1717-1734[12]; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(236) 2. ELLIS BLISS, born: 25 Sept. 1733; died: 14 July 1814.[13]
1st marriage: Tamar Dewey
2nd marriage: Grace Ford[14]

(237) 3. NEZIAH BLISS, born: 21 Mar. 1737[15] - Hebron, Conn.[16]; died: 31 Aug. 1787.[17]
married: Martha Huntington[18]

3rd marriage: Benoni Trumbull [Trumble][19]

[1] *Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 39. -- George Eleazer Bushnell gave Hannah's date of birth as, 27 Mar. 1693. (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23].

[2] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 232. Same citation for footnote: 8.

[3] *Genealogy of the Bliss Family In America: From About the Year 1550 to 1880*. Compiled by John Homer Bliss. Including the Compilations of Judge Oliver Bliss Morris and Sylvester Bliss. Boston, Mass.: Printed by the Author, 1881. p. 47. Hereinafter cited as, *Bliss Family*.

[4] Letter, Peter B. Hill to Ronald Roberts, Nov. 5, 1981. -- Hannah was John Bliss' 2nd wife. (*Bliss Family*. p. 47).

[5] *Bliss Family*. p. 47. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 13.

[6] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 232. -- Peter Hill gave Hannah's year of death as, "1742". (Letter, Peter Hill to Ronald Roberts, Nov. 5, 1981).

[7] *Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 232. -- David was the son of Samuel and Ruth (Drake) Barber of Windsor, Conn. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 232).

[9] *Bliss Family*. p. 47; *Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]; Letter, Peter Hill to Ronald Roberts, Nov. 5, 1981. -- John was the son of Samuel and Anne (Elderkin) Bliss of Norwich, Conn. (*Bliss Family*. p. 47).

[11] *Ibid.* Rev. Bliss was dismissed from his pastoral duties in 1734. He was also fined for his "dissenting" views. After his dismissal, Rev. Bliss and his followers established an Episcopal Church on Godfrey Hill. *(Ibid.)*.

[12] *Ibid.* Rev. Bliss graduated from Yale College in 1710. He was the "first settled pastor" of the Hebron Congregational Church. He was ordained in Hebron in Oct. 1717. *(Ibid.)*.

[14] *Ibid.*, p. 67.

[15] *Ibid.*, pp. 47, 67.

[16] Letter, Peter Hill to Ronald Roberts, Nov. 5, 1981.

[17] *Bliss Family*. pp. 47, 68.

[18] *Ibid.*, p. 68; Letter, Peter Hill to Ronald Roberts, Nov. 5, 1981.

[19] *Ibid.*, p. 47; *Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23] -- John Homer Bliss noted: "This name was spelled Trumble till 1755, after which it came to be spelled Trumbull." Benoni Trumbull was the uncle of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull and the grandfather of Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, the historian of Connecticut. (*Bliss Family*. p. 47).

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116. THOMAS POST

[Hannah (Hosmer) Post[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 10 Feb. 1701; married: 1 July 1739.

married: Dinah Brown

CHILDREN:

(238) **1. Joel Post[1]**
married: Sarah Bushnell[2]

[1] *Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23].

[2] *Ibid.* Sarah was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Post) Bushnell of Hebron, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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117. GIDEON POST [DEACON]

[Hannah (Hosmer) Post[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1703[1]; married: 1731; died: 1752; Place of Residence: Bolton, Conn.[2]

married: Mary Chase[3]

CHILD:

(239) 1. OLIVER POST, born: 1746; died: 1817.
married: Experience Submit Hoyt[4]

[1]*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 33 [3-23]; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 110.
[2]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 110.
[3]*Ibid.* Mary was the daughter of Benjamin and Mercy (Simmons) Chase. *(Ibid.)*.
[4]*Ibid.*

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127. THOMAS HOSMER [ESQ.]

[Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 28 Oct. 1701 - Hartford, Conn.[1]; baptized: 2 Nov. 1701 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 18 July 1734 - West Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 22 Jan. 1777 - West Hartford, Conn.; Public Office: Justice of the Peace - West Hartford, Conn.[4] Place of Residence: West Hartford, Conn.[5]

married: Susannah Steel, born: 15 Dec. 1715[6] - Hartford, Conn.[7]; died: 7 Oct. 1798.

CHILDREN:

(240) 1. SUSANNAH (HOSMER) KELLOGG/JACOBS, born: 24 May 1737[8]; died: 8 Mar. 1812.[9]
1st marriage: Joel Kellogg[10]
2nd marriage: Richard Jacobs[11]

(241) 2. THOMAS HOSMER, born: 1 Apr. 1739[12]; died: 1 May 1835.[13]
1st marriage: Elizabeth Kellogg
2nd marriage: Hannah Everett[14]

(242) 3. Deborah Hosmer, born: 6 Apr. 1741; died: 15 Sept.

1776.

(243) 4. ELDAD HOSMER, born: 22 Apr. 1743; died: 22 Sept. 1820.[15]
married: Thankful Seymour[16]

(244) 5. RUTH (HOSMER) KELLOGG, born: 20 Sept. 1744[17]; died: 25 Jan. 1818.
married: Ephraim Kellogg[18]

(245) 6. DANIEL[19] HOSMER, born: 1749[20]; died: 29 Apr. 1800 - West Hartford, Conn.[21]
married: Mary Belding[22]

(246) 7. JERUSHA (HOSMER) FLOWERS, born: 18 Oct. 1749[23]; died: 27 Apr. 1783.[24]
married: Gabriel Flowers[25]

(247) 8. Elisha Hosmer, born: 1 Apr. 1753[26]; died: 1799.[27]

(248) 9. SIMEON HOSMER, born: 7 May 1754[28] - Hartford, Conn.[29]; died: 1831 - Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y.[30]
married: Lucretia Steele[31]

(249) 10. ASHBEL HOSMER, born: 30 Apr. 1758[32] - West Hartford, Conn.[33]; died: 2 Apr. 1812.[34]
married: Mary [Polly] Belden[35]

[1]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Apr., 1859), 144. -- Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw referred to him as, "Thomas Hosmer Esq.". (Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).

[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* p. 322.

[3]*Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800.* Edited by Frederick W. Bailey. A Reprint with Additions, Corrections and Introduction by Donald Lines Jacobus. And With Integrated Errata. Seven Books in One Volume. Book II. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968. p. 78. Hereinafter cited as, *Early Connecticut Marriages;* Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332. See next footnote.

[4]*West Hartford Congregational Church Records.* Copied by M. K. Talcott, Sept. 1880. Julius Gay Mss. on file at the Connecticut State Historical Society, Hartford, Conn. p. 136. Hereinafter cited as, *West Hartford Church Records.* This source contained the following entry: "[1777] Jan. 22 Thomas Hosmer Justice of the Peace [died of] Fever & Strangling". *(Ibid.).* This source also reported that, "Thomas Hosmer, of Hartford" married "Susanna Steel" [note spelling] in West Hartford on July 18, 1734. *(Ibid.,* p. 85*).* -- James B. Hosmer gave the date of death as, Feb. 1777. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 7).

[5]*Descendants of Governor William Bradford: (through the first seven generations).* Compiled by Ruth Gardiner Hall Under Auspices of Bradford Family Compact. Ann Arbor, Michigan: Edward Brothers, Inc., 1951. p. 78. Hereinafter cited as, *Descendants of Governor Bradford.* Same citation for footnote: 7.

[6]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 7. -- Susannah Steel was the granddaughter of Mercy Bradford Steel. (Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974). -- Ruth Gardiner Hall gave her name as, "Susannah Steele". (*Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 78).

[8]Untitled Family Listing. From the Collection of Dr. Matthew Hosmer (deceased). Printed/Typed. [n. d.] [p. 4]. Hereinafter cited as, Untitled Family Listing. Photocopy of this work sent to Ronald Hosmer by Dr. Matthew Hosmer on July 8, 1977. -- As to the origins of this untitled family listing, Dr. Hosmer wrote: "The listing that Ronald [Hosmer] sent you was given to me many years ago and I do not know where it originated." (Letter, Dr. Matthew Hosmer to Ronald Roberts, Aug. 26, 1977). Note: The family listing consists of 10 pages [unnumbered]. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th pages of this untitled work are printed; the 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th pages are typed. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 15, 23, 26, 32.

[9]*Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 288. -- Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw gave her date of death as, 3 Mar. 1812. (Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).

[10]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8.

[11]*Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 288.

[13]Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. Same citation for footnote: 16.

[14]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 5].

[17]Timothy Hopkins. *The Kelloggs In The Old World and The New*. I. San Francisco, Calif.: Sunset Press and Engraving, Inc., 1903. p. 127. Hereinafter cited as, *The Kelloggs; Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 78. -- The "Family Listing" incorrectly gave the date of birth as, 4 Aug. 1745. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]. Apparently, the author of this listing confused the date of birth with the date of baptism. See listing on Ruth (Hosmer) Kellogg, generation "e" (#244).

[18]*Ibid.; Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 78.; Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]. -- James B. Hosmer also gave Ruth's husband as, "Ephraim Kellogg". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

[19]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 7. -- The "Family Listing" gave his Christian name as, "David". (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4].

[20]*Ibid.; Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 78. -- The "Family Listing" gave the date of birth as, 18 Aug. 1747. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]).

[21]*Ibid.*

[22]*Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book II. p. 77. Mary Belding was the daughter of John Belding. *(Ibid.)*.

[24]Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. -- The "Family Listing" gave the date of death as, May 1785. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4].

[25]*Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book II. p. 78.

[27]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8; Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. -- The "Family Listing" gave the date of death as, 19 Apr. 1774. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4].

[28]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]. -- Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw gave the date of birth as, 7 May 1755.

(Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).

[29]"Mrs. Hattie Hosmer Johnson". #60872. *Lineage Book.* National Society of the daughters of the American Revolution. LXI. [1907]. 1922. Washington, D. C. p. 294. Hereinafter cited as, *D. A. R. Lineage Book.*

[30]*Ibid.*; Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. -- The "Family Listing" gave the year of death as, 1832. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4].

[31]*Ibid.* -- *Early Connecticut Marriages* gave the spelling of her name as, "Lucretia Steel". (*Early Connecticut Marriages.* Book II. p. 80). -- James B. Hosmer also gave the name of Simeon's wife as, "Lucretia Steel". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 8).

[33]"Mrs. Emma Cross Runyon". #88982. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXXIX. [1911]. 1926. p. 309; "Mrs. Mabel Runyan Beebe". #122636, *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* CXXIII. [1916]. 1931. p. 192. -- Mrs. Hagelshaw gave Ashbel's place of birth as, Hartford, Conn. (Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).

[34]Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr.18, 1974. -- The "Family Listing" gave the date of death as, 1 Apr. 1812. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]).

[35]*Ibid.* -- Two D. A. R. sources gave the name of Ashbel's wife as, Polly Belden. ("Mrs. Alice C. Tripp Davis". #73396. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXIV. [1909]. 1924. p. 149); ("Mrs. Emma Cross Runyon". #88982. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXXIX. [1911]. 1926. p. 309). -- Note: "Polly" is a nickname for Mary.

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128. STEPHEN HOSMER [CAPT.]

[Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[C], Stephen Hosmer [Deacon][b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 6 Jan. 1703/04[1]; baptized: 9 Jan. 1703/04 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 18 June 1730 - Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 1758[4] [or, 2 May 1761][5] - West Hartford, Conn.[6]

married: Deliverance Graves[7], born: 27 Oct. 1713[8]; died: 5 July 1758 - West Hartford, Conn.[9]

CHILDREN:

(250) 1. Sarah (Hosmer) Whiting[10], born: 25 Mar. 1731 - Hartford, Conn.[11]; baptized: 28 Mar. 1731 - West Hartford, Conn.[12]
married: John Whiting Jr.[13]

(251) 2. STEPHEN HOSMER, born: 10 Jan. 1733/34 - Hartford, Conn.[14]; baptized: 11 Jan. 1733 - West Hartford, Conn.[15]; died: 16 Feb. 1758 -

West Hartford, Conn.[16]
married: Elizabeth Gaylord[17]

(252) 3. MARRIANNE (HOSMER) STEELE/GARNRYCK, born: 2 Feb. 1734/35 - Hartford, Conn.[18]; baptized: 2 Feb. 1735 - West Hartford, Conn.[19]
1st marriage: Theophilus Steele[20]
2nd marriage: Zachariah Garnryck[21]

(253) 4. TITUS HOSMER, born: 1736 - West Hartford, Conn.[22]; baptized: 19 Dec. 1736 - West Hartford, Conn.[23] died: 4 Aug. 1780 - Middletown, Conn.[24]
married: Lydia Lord[25]

(254) 5. GEORGE HOSMER, born: 1739[26]; baptized: 4 Feb. 1739 - West Hartford, Conn.[27]
married: Ann Hosmer[28]

(255) 6. Anne[29] (Hosmer) Yale, born: 1740[30]; baptized: 28 Sept. 1740 - West Hartford, Conn.[31]; married: 1758[32]; died: 1780.[33]
married: Aaron Yale[34]

(256) 7. Deliverance Hosmer, born: 1743[35]; baptized: 12 June 1743 - West Hartford, Conn.[36]

(257) 8. TIMOTHY HOSMER, born: Sept. 1745[37] - West Hartford, Conn.[38]; baptized: 1 Sept. 1745 - West Hartford, Conn.[39]; died: 29 Nov. 1815 - Avon, N. Y.
married: Elizabeth Smith[40]

(258) 9. Esther (Hosmer) Callender, born: 1747[41]; baptized: 29 Nov. 1747 - West Hartford, Conn.[42]
married: ——— Callender

(259) 10. John Hosmer, born: 1749[43]; baptized: 7 Jan. 1750 - West Hartford, Conn.[44]

(260) 11. Prentice[45] Hosmer, born: 11 Sept. 1752[46]; baptized: 2 Feb. 1752 - West Hartford, Conn.[47]; married: 10 May 1783 - West Hartford, Conn.[48]; died: 7 Jan. 1787 - West Hartford, Conn.[49]
married: Elizabeth Steele[50], born: 9 Oct. 1754; died: 21 May 1832.

(261) 12. Mary (Hosmer) Bound[51], baptized: 26 May 1754 - West Hartford, Conn.[52]
married: ——— Bound[53]

(262) 13. GRAVES HOSMER, born: 25 Feb. 1756[54]; baptized: 4 Apr. 1756 - West Hartford, Conn.[55]; died: 17 Jan. 1838 - Avon, N. Y.[56]
married: Amy Congdon[57]

[1]*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XII (Apr., 1859), 144.

[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* pp. 322, 701.

[3]*Records Town of Hartford, 1716 to 1721. No. 3.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XXIII (Jan., 1869), 46; Computer File Index. State: Con-

necticut. Current as of Aug. 1977. p. 6,332.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9. -- Stephen Hosmer's will was signed on Aug. 15, 1758. (Will - Stephen Hosmer. Aug. 15, 1758. Hartford, Hartford County, Colony of Connecticut. Witnesses: Isaac Goodwin, Isaac Goodwin Jr., Uriah Goodwin. Justice of the Peace: Tho[mas] Hosmer). -- James B. Hosmer may have confused the death of Capt. Stephen Hosmer with the death of Capt. Hosmer's namesake who died in 1758. See next footnote.

[5]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701; Affidavit. Pedigree of Applicant in support of application for membership to the Society Of The Descendants Of The Founders Of Hartford. Deponent: Ruth Hosmer Stafford Clark. Simsbury, Connecticut. 1981.

[6]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 26, 30, 35, 41, 43, 46, 51, 53.

[7]*Records Town of Hartford, 1716 to 1721. No. 3.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXIII (Jan., 1869), 46. This source contained the following entry: "Stephen Hosmer was married to Deliverance Graves, June 18th, Anno Dom. 1730;" *(Ibid.)*.

[8]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1709 to 1716*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXII (Apr., 1868), 194. -- Deliverance was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Morgan) Graves. (Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701). -- In his will, Thomas Graves referred to Deliverance as, " ... my only daughter" (Will - Thomas Graves. December 11, 1713. Hartford, Hartford County, Colony of Connecticut. Witnesses: Benjamin Colton, Samuel Sedgewick, Thomas Morgan. [original records: Vol. VIII, 1710 to 1715, p. 266] in *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1635-1750*. Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. II. Hartford, Conn.: R. S. Peck & Co. Printers, p. 209).

[9]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 125. This source contained the following death entry: "[1758] July 5th The Wife of Capt[n] Stephen Hosmer [died of] Consumption [age at death] 40 [years]". *(Ibid.)*. Note: The age at death, given by this source, may have been an approximation. See footnote 8. -- Barbour also reported that Deliverance, " ... died July 5, 1758 ae 40 (W Hfd)" (Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701). -- Deliverance's will was dated, 12 May 1757. (Will - Deliverance Hosmer. May 12, 1757. Hartford, Hartford County, Colony of Connecticut. Witnesses: Isaac Goodwin, Tho[mas] Hosmer, Ebenezer Goodwin. Justice of Peace: Tho[mas] Hosmer). -- James B. Hosmer incorrectly gave Deliverance's year of death as, "1761". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9).

[11]*Records Town of Hartford, 1716 to 1721. No. 3.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXIII (Jan., 1869), 46. Same citation for footnote: 14.

[12]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 9; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[13]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701. Same citation for footnotes: 17, 28, 32, 34, 42.

[15]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 11; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[16]*Ibid.*, p. 125. This source contained the following death entry: "[1758] Feb[ry] 16[th] Stephen Hosmer Jun [cause of death] crushed by the fall of a tree [age at death] 25 [years] 1 [month]". *(Ibid.)*. -- *Pioneer Families* gave the date of death as, June 1758. (*Pioneer Families*. p. 23). -- James B. Hosmer gave the date of death as, May 1758. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9).

[18]*Records Town of Hartford, 1716 to 1721. No. 3.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXIII (Jan., 1869), 46. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of her Christian name as, "Miriam". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9). -- Ruth Gardiner Hall also gave her name as, "Miriam". (*Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 84). -- Pierson, Hosmer, and Whitbeck gave the date of birth as, 2 Feb. 1735. (*Pioneer Families*. p. 23).

[19]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 12; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701. -- Church records gave her name as, "Marianne". (*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 12).

[20]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701; *Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 84; *Genealogical Record*. p. 5. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of Theophilus' surname as, "Steel". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9).

[21]*Descendants of Governor Bradford*. p. 84.

[22]*Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1961*. Clifford P. Reynolds, Chief Compiler and Publications Technician. Washington, D. C.: United States Government Printing Office, 1961. p. 1077. Hereinafter cited as, *Biographical Directory*. -- James B. Hosmer gave his year of birth as, "1737". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9).

[23]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 13; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[24]*Biographical Directory*. p. 1077.

[25]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 10.

[27]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 15; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[29]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of her Christian name as, "Ann". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9).

[31]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 16; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford*. p. 701.

[33]Letter, Esther L. Casselman to Ronald Roberts, Aug. 25, 1980.

[36]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 18; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[37]*Pioneer Families*. p. 23. Same citation for footnotes: 40, 57.

[38]J. H. Smith. *Livingston County*. 1881. p. 427.

[39]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 20; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[44]*Ibid.*, p. 23; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[45]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of his Christian name as, "Prentiss". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9). -- George Gibbs noted that Prentice Hosmer was a Lt. of the 3rd Regiment of the Connecticut Continental Infantry. (Gibbs. *Gibbs Family*. p. 80).

[47]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 25; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[48]*Ibid.*, p. 98.

[49]*Ibid.*, p. 142. -- James B. Hosmer gave Prentiss' date of death as, Apr. 1787. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9).

[50]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701. -- West Hartford church records contained the following entry: "[1783] May 10 Prentice Hosmer & Elizabeth Steal both of Hartford were married." (*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 98). -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of her maiden name as, "Steel". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 9).

[52]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 26.

[54]*D. A. R. Patriot Index*. Diamond Jubilee Administration. Mrs. William Henry Sullivan, Jr. President General. Washington, D. C.: National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1967. p. 345. -- One source noted that Graves Hosmer was a, "native of Middletown, Conn." (J. H. Smith. *Livingston County*. p. 429).

[55]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 28; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[56]*Pioneer Families*. p. 23. -- A local weekly newspaper of the period reported: " ' DIED/At Avon, on the 21st instant. Mr. Graves Hosmer' ". (*Livingston Register*. Jan. 30, 1838 as quoted in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian to Ronald Roberts, March 13, 1974). -- Pierson, Hosmer and Whitbeck gave the year of Graves' death as, 1828. (*Pioneer Families*. p. 23). On this point, they [Pierson et al.] were clearly in error. Three different sources reported the year of death as, 1838. (*D. A. R. Patriot Index*. p. 345); (*Livingston Register*. Jan. 30, 1838); (Extract from a survey of marked graves prior to 1885 in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, March 13, 1974).

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Note: **Probate records (wills and/or related documents) of the five people listed below, immediately follow:**

1. **STEPHEN HOSMER (#128)**
2. **DELIVERANCE (GRAVES) HOSMER**
 [wife of Capt. Stephen Hosmer]
3. **THOMAS GRAVES**
 [father of Deliverance (Graves) Hosmer]
4. **THOMAS MORGAN**
 [maternal grandfather of Deliverance (Graves) Hosmer]
5. **RACHEL MORGAN**
 [maternal grandmother of Deliverance (Graves) Hosmer]

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT
OF
STEPHEN HOSMER

I Stephen Hoſmer of hartford being Now In
Good Health And of Sound memory Calling to
mind the mortality of my body that It Is apointed
unto man once to die do make and ordain this to be
my Laſt Will & Teſtament hereby Revoking All former
Wills made & Declared that Is to Say first & Principly
I give my Soul to God & my body to the Earth to be Decently
Buried Not Doubting but Att y^e^ Resurection I Shall Receive
the Same Again by the power of God
and as to my Worldly Eſtate after my Juſt Debts &
Neſisary funeral Charges Are paid I give as follows
Itm to my Sons Titus Hoſmer George Hoſmer Timothy Hoſmer
John Hoſmer Prentis Hoſmer & Graves Hoſmer An Equal
part In my Eſtate to be Set out to them As Shall a[]
[] Inventory & Whereas I have Given my Son Titus A Libral
Education A Hundred & forty pound Shall be Deducted be
fore he Shall Come to Receive his part I Give my Son
George Liberty to C[] part Att the houſe & Land I
Bought of John Hopkins over And Above his part I give
him four Acres of Land Joyning that Where his Lot Shall
fall for his Extraordinary Service
Itm I Give to my daughters Sarah the Wife of John Whiting Jr.
Marianne Hoſmer Ann Hoſmer ^Deliverance Hoſmer Eſther Hoſmer Mary Hoſmer
Half So much for Each of As I have Given to Each of
their Brethren & that their part Shall be made up out of y^e^
moveables So far As they Will Go & the Reſt In Land Where
It Will Leaſt Incomode their Brethren & Whereas my Daugh
ter Sarah Whiting has Received A part Att her Mariage
As Will Apear by my Book that Shall be Deducted
before She Shall Come In for An Equal part With her
Sisters & Whereas my Daughter Marianne [] & muſt
take the overſight of my family I Give her twelve pound
to be Received In y^e^ manner Above & beyond her Equal part
It Is my Will that All my Children that Shall be that Is to
Say Sons till they Shall be twelve Daughters till ten years
old Shall be Supported out of my Eſtate Each one bearing their
proportion Acording to their Interest & As y^e^ Childrens needs
Shall]
Require
Item I Give to my Grandaughter my Son Stephen
Hoſmer & [] Child An Equal part With my own Daughters
and In the Same manner With this Conſideration & Reflect-
tion that If She Shall Die before She Shall Arive to
the Age of Eighteen years of Age then this Clauſe In this
Will Shall be void & her part Divided to my own Children
In the proportions As Is Above Set In the Will And If She
Shall live ^ to Receive her part & Shall after Die Without

WILL - STEPHEN HOSMER
(Cont.)

An heir Lawfully Begoten of her Body then It Shall
Return And be divided amongst my Children As Is Above
Described her part in her fathers Inventory to be Acounted
As []
of her portion
And I nominate & Apoint my Sons Titus Hoſmer & George
Hoſmer to be Executors to this my Laſt Will & testament
thoſe Words Deliverance Hoſmer
Were [] before Signing
In Witnes of the Above Will I have here unto Seting hand
And Seal this 15 Day of Auguſt 1758

[signed]

Signed Sealed Publiſhed
And Declared by Stephen
Hoſmer to be his Laſt
Will & testament In
Preſence of

STEPHEN HOſMER

[signed]

ISAAC GOODWIN
ISAAC GOODWIN JR.
URIAH GOODWIN

Hartford June 15, 1761. Then M^{r} Isaac Goodwin & Uriah
Goodwin Personally appeared & made Solemn Oath that
they Saw Capt Stephen Hoſmer Sign & Seal the above written
testament & heard him Publish & Declare it to be his
Last will & testament & [] they then Judged him to be []
of Dispoſing mind & memory & Set to [] hand as witneſs
with Isaac Goodwin [] & in the Preſence of the above
Named testators Before me

[signed]

THO HOſMER Juſt^{c} Peace

SOURCE: Will - Stephen Hosmer. August 15, 1758. Hartford, Hartford County, Colony of Connecticut. Witnesses: Isaac Goodwin, Isaac Goodwin Jr., Uriah Goodwin. Justice of Peace: Tho[mas] Hosmer.

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT
OF
DELIVERANCE (GRAVES) HOSMER

I Deliverance Hoſmer of Hartford Being at this time in a Comfortable State of Health yet Calling to mind the mortality of my Body Do think it Proper (Being by Gods Goodneſs of Sound mind & memory) by & with the] advice of my Dear & Loving Husband Stephen Hoſmer do make & ordain this to be my Last Will & testament vist after my Just Debts & funeral Expences are paid I Give & Bequeath to my Sons vis^{t} Stephen Hoſmer Titus Hoſmer George Hoſmer Timothy Hoſmer John Hoſmer Prentice Hoſmer & Graves Hoſmer a Single part of my Estate apearing as it Shall be appointed and to my Daughters vis^{t} Sarah Whiting the wife of] John Whiting Jn^{r} Marianne Hoſmer Ann Hoſmer Deliverance Hoſmer Esther Hoſmer & Mary Hoſmer half a part that is half So much as Sons above mentioned to them their Heirs & aſsigns forever and further I Give my Sons Liberty to Redeem my Land if they Shall think best at What it Shall be appraised [?] at when they Shall Redeem it and further I Do Nominate and appoint my two Eldest Sons vis^{t} Stephen Hoſmer & Titus Hoſmer to be Executors to this my Last will & testament

In Wittneſs Whereaſ I have Set my hand & Seal this 12th Day of May 1757

[signed]

DELIVERANCE HOSMER

Signed Sealed Published
& Declared by Deliverance
Hoſmer to be her Last
Will & testament in
Preſence of

[signed]

ISAAC GOODWIN
THO. HOſMER
EBENEZER GOODWIN

I Stephen Hoſmer Do herby Declare my Content to the above Last will & Testament of Deliverance my Dearly Beloved wife according to the true Intent & meaning therof May 12, 1757

[signed]

STEPHEN HOſMER

Signed Sealed &
In Preſence of

[signed]

ISAAC GOODWIN

PROBATE RECORDS - DELIVERANCE (GRAVES) HOSMER (Cont.)

Hartford June 15, 1761 then M^r Isaac Goodwin & Eb^r Goodwin Personally appeared & made Solemn oath that they Saw the then Named Deliverance Hoſmer Sign & Seal the [] written testament & heard her ^ Publish & Declare it to be the Last will & t. [] [] and that they then Judged her to be of Dispoſing mind & memory & Set to their hand as witneſs with Tho Hoſmer Esq^r in the preſence of the testators and also that they Saw Capt. Stephen Hoſmer Sign & Seal the following article of Content Before me

[signed]

THO HOſMER Juſ^t Peace

SOURCE: Will [and related probate documents] - Deliverance Hosmer. May 12, 1757. Hartford, Hartford County, Colony of Connecticut. Witnesses: Isaac Goodwin, Tho. Hosmer, Ebenezer Goodwin.

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WILL - THOMAS GRAVES

I Thomas Graves, of Hartford, do ordain this to be my last will and testament: I give and bequeath unto my wife all my estate, personal and real, actually possest by me, and whatsoever debts or legacies belong to me, under whatsoever consideration, I give and bequeath to her. Further, and notwithstanding what has been already exprest, tis my will that my only daughter, Deliverance, at 18 years of age (if she live to it), shall have two-thirds of my estate, and the whole if she survive her mother. I appoint my wife sole executrix.

[signed]

Witness: *Benjamin Colton,* THOMAS GRAVES, LS
Samuel Sedgewick, Thomas X *Morgan.*

Will Dated: Dec. 11, 1713

WILL - THOMAS GRAVES
(Cont.)

Inventory: £ 51. 10s. 11d. Taken by Samuel Sedgewick and William Taylor, Jan. 29, 1713/14.

Court Record, Page 173 — 5 January, 1713-14: Inventory now exhibited by Sarah, the relict.

Page 78 (Vol. IX - original records) 2 September, 1718: Whereas, letters of Adms. on the estate of Thomas Graves, late of Hartford, was granted unto Sarah Graves, widow, and sd. Sarah dying before she had made up and finished her account, this Court now grant letters of Adms. on sd. estate unto Thomas Morgan of Hartford, who is also appointed guardian to Deliverance Grave, his granddaughter, a minor.

Page 98 — 3 March, 1718-19: Thomas Morgan, guardian to Elizabeth Graves. Recog., £ 40.

SOURCE: *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1635-1750.* Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. II. Hartford, Conn.: R. S. Peck & Co. Printers. p. 209. [Original Probate Records. Vol. VIII, 1710 to 1715. p. 266; Vol. IX. pp. 78, 98].

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WILL - THOMAS MORGAN

I, Thomas Morgan, do make this my last will and testament: I give to my wife the use and improvement of all my corn mill and bolting mill, and the east end of my dwelling house, and half of my barn and cow house, and all my land on the north side of the river, and the third part of my land on the south side of the river, and the third part of my moveable estate, and the interest of £90 in money which is in the hands of Jobanna Smith, and £23-06-08 that is now in the hands of Jobanna Smith. Nevertheless it is to be understood that if my wife shall see cause to marry again, that then the abovesd. legacies shall return to my surviving children, all but what she has allowed for her dowry. I give unto my daughter Leah about 30 acres of my whole right in a lott bought of Capt. Cook in and lying in the West Division of Hartford. And if her son Morgan shall live to be 21 years of age, then he shall have the abovesd. part to him and his heirs forever. I give also

WILL - THOMAS MORGAN
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to my grandson Morgan Cadwell my cane and sword. I also give unto my daughter Leah £10-05-00 now in the hands of Jobanna Smith, also a two-year-old steer, also £6 in money, to be paid by my daughter Hannah Goodwin 40 shillings, and my daughter Rachel 40 shillings, and Deliverance Graves 40 shillings, all to be paid within a year after Jobanna Smith's bond is out for the payment of £90. I give to my daughter Hannah Goodwin my part of the sawmill and the east end of my dwelling house, and half my barn and half my cow house, and half my cow yard and half my garden, and after my wifes decease, the west end of my dwelling house, half of my barn, all my land on the south side of the river and £10-04-00 in money that is now in the hands of Jobanna Smith. I give to my daughter Rachel, after my wife's decease, the west end of my dwelling house, half of my barn, cow house and cow yard; half my land on the north side of the river to be equally divided between my grandchildren, Deliverance Graves and her. I give unto my daughter Rachel 10 shillings, and £30-04-00 which is in the hands of Jobanna Smith, and half of my corn mill after my wife's decease. I give unto my grandchild, Deliverance Graves, £10-04-00 in money which is in the hands of Jobanna Smith. I also give to my grandchild Deliverance two hefers. I give to John Legcome a loome and tackling belonging to it, and a new gunn which I bought of Mr. Goodrich, and £5 to be paid by my wife when he shall come to the age of 21 years. If he shall not faithfully serve out his time, then it shall be at the discretion of my loving wife to give him what she shall see cause. I do give to my two grandchildren, Sarah and Mehetabell Goodwin, two horse colts.
I appoint my wife and my son Isaac Goodwin executors.

[signed]

THOMAS X MORGAN, LS.

Witness: *Samuel Sedgwick,*
Jobanna Smith, Joseph Cornish.

Will Dated: Mar. 25, 1725.

Inventory: £751. 14s. 05d. Taken by Joseph Gillett and John Webster, May 17, 1725.

Court Record, Page 86 — 1st June, 1725: Will proven.
Page 88 (Vol. XIII - original records) 5 May, 1741: Abell Colyer of Hartford in right of his wife Rachell, one of the daughters and co-heirs to the estate of Thomas Morgan, late of Hartford, moves this Court that what was given her in the will of her father be set out to her, viz.,

WILL - THOMAS MORGAN
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the west end of the dwelling house, half the barn, 1-2 the cow house, 1-2 the yard, and half the land on the north side of the river. This Court appoint Lt. Isaac Kellogg, Sergt. David Ensign and William Bacor, of Hartford, to set out the above-named premises.

SOURCE: *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1635-1750.* Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. II. Hartford, Conn.: R. S. Peck & Co. Printers. pp. 550, 551. [Original Probate Records. Vol. X, 1723 to 1729. pp. 276, 278, 279, 280; Vol. XIII. p. 88].

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ESTATE OF
MRS. RACHEL MORGAN

Rachel Morgan, Widow of Thomas, late of Hartford decd. We, the subscribers, being heirs of the estate, have received our several proportions by agreement this 3 April, 1739, as followeth:

	£ s d
To Leah, the wife of Jonathan Cadwell daughter of the decd.,]	16-19-00
To Hannah, the wife of Isaac Goodwin, daughter of the decd.,]	16-19-00
To Rachel, wife of Abel Colyer, daughter of the decd.,]	16-19-00
To Deliverance, wife of Stephen Hosmer, grand-daughter of the decd.,]	16-19-00

Signed: JONATHAN CADWELL, LS. | ISAAC GOODWIN, LS.
ABELL COLYER, LS. | STEPHEN HOSMER, LS.

Court Record, Page 20 — 18 January, 1737-8: Estate Rachel Morgan decd.: Adms. to Isaac Goodwin and Stephen Hosmer. Recog., £400, with William Pratt.

ESTATE OF MRS. RACHEL MORGAN

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SOURCE: *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1635-1750.* Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. III. Hartford, Conn.: R. S. Peck & Co. Printers, 1906. p. 310. [Original Probate Records. Vol. XIII, 1737 to 1745. p. 136].

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129. JOSEPH HOSMER SR.

[Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 28 Nov. 1705[1]; baptized: 2 Dec. 1705 - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 17 Jan. 1745[3]; died: 27 June 1777[4]; buried: Center Church[5]; Place of Residence: Hartford, Conn.[6]

married: Sabra Mygatt[7], born: 1727; died: 6 June 1789.

CHILDREN:

(263) 1. WILLIAM HOSMER, born: 15 Dec. 1745[8] - Hartford, Conn.[9]; died: 18 July 1839 - Guilford, Ohio.[10]
married: Elizabeth Barker[11]

(264) 2. JOSEPH HOSMER JR., born: 24 Oct. 1749; died: 21 May 1823 - East Windsor, Conn.[12]
1st marriage: Jerusha Prior
2nd marriage: Betsey Prior
3rd marriage: Miriam Newberry[13]

(265) 3. JAMES HOSMER, born: 30 Sept. 1751; died: 19 Aug. 1837 - Hartford, Conn.[14]
married: Anne Bidwell[15]

(266) 4. David Hosmer, born: 14 Oct. 1753; died: 24 Oct. 1758.

(267) 5. Robert Hosmer, born: 25 Aug. 1755; died: 26 Aug. 1776 - White Plains, [N. Y.].[16]

(268) 6. PROSPER HOSMER, born: 22 June 1757; died: 1 Dec. 1850 - Athens, N. Y.[17]
married: Catherine Mooklar[18]

(269) 7. David Hosmer, born: 16 Nov. 1760; died: 9 June 1762.

(270) 8. Roger Hosmer, born: 19 Apr. 1762; died: 10 Mar. 1785.

(271) 9. Sabra (Hosmer) Bowen, born: 15 Dec. 1764; died: 5 June 1854.
married: Consider Bowen

(272) 10. David Hosmer, born: 6 Nov. 1768; died: Nov. 1772.[19]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 5. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 8, 10, 12, 14, 17.

[2]Barbour. *Early Families of Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 322; Pedigree Chart - Compiler: Paul Hubbard Hosmer Jr.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 5. -- Paul Hubbard Hosmer Jr. gave Joseph's date of death as, 9 June 1777. (Pedigree Chart - Compiler: Paul Hubbard Hosmer Jr.)

[5]Barbour. *Early Families of Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 322.

[6]*American Ancestry: Giving the Name and Descent, in the Male Line, of Americans Whose Ancestors Settled in the United States Previous to the Declaration of Independence, A. D. 1776*. X. Originally published by Joel Munsell's Sons. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968. p. 193. Hereinafter cited as, *American Ancestry*.

[7]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 5. -- Sabra was the daughter of Zebulon and Dorothy (Walter) Mygatt. (Pedigree Chart - Compiler: Paul Hubbard Hosmer Jr.). -- Sabra was the granddaughter of Joseph Mygatt and the great granddaughter of Jacob and Sarah (Whiting) Mygatt. (*American Ancestry*. X. p. 193).

[9]Family Sealing Records - William and Elizabeth (Barker) Hosmer. Compiler: Mrs. Vilda Minnie Ely Christenson. Archives, Church of Latter-day Saints.

[11]*Ibid.; Genealogy: Connecticut Branch*. p. 4.

[13]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 6. Same citation for footnote: 15.

[16]*Ibid.*, p. 5. Robert was killed at the Battle of White Plains. *(Ibid.)*. Note: James B. Hosmer may have erred when he stated that Robert died, 26 Aug. 1776. -- The Battle of White Plains lasted three days, Oct. 28, 1776 to Oct. 31, 1776. (R. Ernest Dupuy [Col.] and Trevor N. Dupuy [Col.]. *An Outline of The American Revolution*. New York: Harper & Row Publishers, 1975. pp. 61-64).

[18]*Ibid.*, p. 7.

[19]*Ibid.*, p. 8.

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130. JOHN HOSMER

[Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1707[1]; baptized: 15 Mar. 1712/13 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 15 Sept.[2] 1761[3]; buried: Center Church.[4]

married: _____

CHILD:

(273) 1. ANN (HOSMER) HOSMER[5]. See Listing #254, Generation "e".
married: George Hosmer[6]

[1]*Pioneer Families*. p. 22. -- Note: John Hosmer was a member of the Crown Point expedition in 1755. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 5).
[2]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 322. Same citation for footnote: 4.
[3]*Ibid.; Pioneer Families*. p. 22.
[5]*Ibid.;* J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 5.
[6]*Ibid.* -- George and Ann were first cousins.

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134. STEPHEN HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer (Rev.)[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 Apr. 1711; died: 20 Dec. 1751[1]; buried: Cove Cemetery - East Haddam, Conn.[2]; Occupation: Merchant - East Haddam, Conn.; Place of Residence: East Haddam, Conn.[3]

1st marriage: Susannah Bunce[4], born: 22 Oct. 1710[5]; died: 1738.

CHILD:

(274) 1. Susannah Hosmer, born: about 1738; died: 16 Aug. 1748[6]; buried: Cove Cemetery - East Haddam, Conn.[7]

2nd marriage: Anna Johnson[8], born: 1717; died: 9 Dec. 1809.[9]

CHILDREN:

(275) 2. ZECHARIAH[10] HOSMER, baptized: 18 July 1742; died: in or around the year 1765[11] - West Indies.
married: Martha _____

(276) 3. STEPHEN HOSMER, baptized: 19 Feb. 1743/44.[12]
married: Bathsheba Green[13]

(277) 4. John Hosmer, baptized: 25 Jan. 1746/47.[14]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8; "Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 417.

[2]"Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 417. Same citation for footnote: 7.

[3]*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. p. 2. -- Stephen graduated from Yale College in 1732. (R. H. Green. *Greene Family*. p. 15).

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8. Same citation for footnote: 9.

[5]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1709 to 1716*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXII (Apr., 1868), 193. Susannah was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Bunce. (*Ibid.*). -- James B. Hosmer gave the year of Susannah's birth as, 1712. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

[6]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8. -- The *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register* reported: "Susanna, only daughter of Stephen Hosmer Junr., Esqr., by his first wife, died Aug. 16, 1748, in her 11th year." ("Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. (Oct., 1926), 417).

[8]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8. -- After the death of her husband, Stephen, Anna married two more times. Her second husband was, Rev. Benjamin Bowers; her third husband was, Rev. Benjamin Boardman. (*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. p. 3).

[10]*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. pp. 2, 3. Mary Rosebrugh Hosmer, the compiler of this work, gave three different spellings of his Christian name: Zechariah; Zachary; and, Zachariah. *(Ibid.)*.

[11]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 309. -- Mary Rosebrugh Hosmer reported that on July 5, 1765, Benjamin Boardman and Martha Hosmer gave bond as administrators of Zechariah Hosmer Jr. (*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. pp. 2, 3.). The death of Zechariah Sr., therefore, must have occurred prior to July 5, 1765.

[12]*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. pp. 2, 3.

[13]R. H. Green. *Greene Family*. p. 15; *Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book III. p. 77. -- Note: *The Greene Family of Plymouth Colony* (1909) [above source] also appeared in: *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. XXXIX (Apr., 1908), pp. 109, 110 and (July, 1908), 201.

[14]*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. p. 3.

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137. ROBERT HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer (Rev.)[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 22 Mar. 1719/20[1] - East Haddam, Conn.[2]; married: 31 Oct. 1745[3] - East Haddam, Conn.[4]; died: 27 Nov. 1749[5]; buried: Cove Cemetery - East Haddam, Conn.[6]

married: Mary Green[7], born: 4 July 1722 - New London, Conn.; died: 1808 - East Haddam, Conn.[8]

CHILDREN:

(278) 1. TIMOTHY[9] GREENE[10] HOSMER, born: 30 Oct. 1746[11] - East Haddam, Conn.[12]; baptized: 9 Nov. 1746.[13]
married: Diodema Comstock[14]

(279) 2. Susannah[15] Hosmer, born: 9 Nov. 1748 - East Haddam, Conn.[16]; baptized: 13 Nov. 1748.[17]

[1]*First Book East Haddam Land Records*. Transcribed by D. W. Patterson. p. 577 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 43. -- James B. Hosmer gave the date of Robert's birth as, "May 22d, 1720." (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8). -- The Computer File Index gave Robert's date of birth as, 22 Mar. 1719. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331).

[2]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 16.

[3]William C. Kiessel. "The Green Family A Dynasty of Printers" in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. CIV (Apr., 1950), 87; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[5]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8; "Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn." in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 417.

[6]"Inscriptions From Gravestones at East Haddam, Conn." in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 417.

[7]William C. Kiessel. "The Green Family A Dynasty of Printers" in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. CIV (Apr., 1950), 87. Mary was the daughter of [Deacon] Timothy and Mary (Flint) Green. *(Ibid.)*; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[8]*Ibid.*

[9]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8. Same citation for footnotes: 13, 17.

[10]Letter, Ellen Ralston (Douglass) Haith to Ronald Roberts, Sept. 2, 1977. Mrs. Haith reported that her grandmother's records indicated that Mary Ann Hosmer (1791-1869) was the daughter of Timothy Greene Hosmer. *(Ibid.)*. -- Another family source stated that Timothy Greene Hosmer [born: 30 Oct. 1746] was the son of Robert and Mary (Greene) Hosmer. (Janet Elizabeth Hosmer Richards. *Greene Genealogy of Janet Elizabeth Hosmer Richards*. Typed family listing. n.d., n.p.).

[11]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332; Letter, Ellen Ralston (Douglass) Haith to

Ronald Roberts, Aug. 3, 1980.

[12] *Ibid.*

[14] Letter, Ellen Ralston (Douglass) Haith to Ronald Roberts, Aug. 3, 1980. For this information, Mrs. Haith relied on family material supplied by Mary Rose Rosebraugh [a great great granddaughter of Mary Ann Hosmer, and a great great great granddaughter of Timothy Green Hosmer]. *(Ibid.)*; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332.

[15] Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of her Christian name as, "Susanna". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. p. 8).

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140. ANNE (PITKIN) HILLS

[Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1703; died: 9 June 1778 - East Hartford, Conn.[1]

married: David Hills [Ensign][2], born: 2 Oct. 1702 - Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 25 May 1758 - East Hartford, Conn.; Occupation: Lieutenant - 5th Company of Hartford; Place of Residence: East Hartford, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(280) 1. DAVID HILLS, born: 1724 - probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 2 July 1785.[4]
married: Mary Pitkin[5]

(281) 2. Nathaniel Hills, born: Mar. 1725 - probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 21 Oct. 1781.
married: Eunice Porter

(282) 3. Jonathan Hills, born: 1728 - probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 18 Apr. 1794.

(283) 4. Ruth Hills, born: about 1729[6] - probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 18 June 1786.[7]

(284) 5. DOROTHY (HILLS) PITKIN[8], born: 1731[9] - probably East Hartford, Conn.[10]; died: 1826.
married: Richard Pitkin[11]

(285) 6. ANNE (HILLS) PITKIN, born: 1732 - probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 4 July 1758.[12]
married: Joseph Pitkin[13]

(286) 7. Esther Hills, born: about 1734 - probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 9 Feb. 1795 - East Hartford, Conn.[14]

(287) 8. George Hills, born: about 1737 - probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 14 Oct. 1741 - East Hartford, Conn.

(288) 9. Thankful (Hills) Wadsworth, born: probably East Hartford, Conn.; died: 1816.
married: Thomas Wadsworth Jr.

(289) 10. Susannah Hills, born: probably East Hartford, Conn.[15]

[1]*Hills Family*. p. 12. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6, 10, 12, 15.

[2]*Ibid.* David was the son of [Lieutenant] Jonathan Hills and the grandson of William Hills. *(Ibid.)*.

[3]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1709 to 1716*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXII (Apr., 1868), 192. -- The Hills family genealogy gave his date and place of birth as, 2 Oct. 1702 - East Hartford, Conn. (*Hills Family*. p. 12).

[5]*Hills Family*. p. 24.

[7]*Ibid.*, p. 12. Ruth died at the age of 57. *(Ibid.)*.

[8]*Ibid.*; A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. pp. 17, 31.

[9]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. p. 31. Same citation for footnote: 11.

[13]*Ibid.*, pp. 14, 17.

[14]*Hills Family*. p. 12. Esther died at the age of 61. *(Ibid.)*.

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141. DOROTHY (PITKIN) ROBERTS

[Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 June[1] 1705[2]; married: 26 Sept. 1730; died: 5 Oct. 1737[3].

married: Benjamin Roberts[4], born: 1698 - East Hartford, Conn.[5]; baptized: 8 Mar. 1698[6]; died: 14 Feb. 1774 - East Hartford, Conn.[7]; Occupation: Merchant Trader[8]; Places of Residence: East Hartford, Conn.[9]; New London, Conn.[10]

CHILDREN:

(290) 1. DOROTHY (ROBERTS) KINGSBURY[11], born: 23 Jan. 1734.[12]
married: Lemuel Kingsbury[13]

(291) 2. Susannah Roberts, born: 1736[14]; died: 1804.[15]

[1]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. 1887. p. 6.

[2]*Ibid.; Family History of Connecticut.* I. p. 587. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 12, 14.

[3]*Family History of Connecticut.* I. p. 587.

[4]*Ibid.;* A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* 1887. p. 6, 17. -- Benjamin was the son of William and Dorothy (Forbes) Roberts of East Hartford, Conn. (*Family History of Connecticut.* I. p. 587).

[5]*American Ancestry.* IX. p. 209. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 9.

[6]*Family History of Connecticut.* I. pp. 586, 587.

[8]*Ibid.* I. p. 587. Benjamin Roberts owned three trading vessels -- the *Martha*, the *Samuel*, and the *Porrige*. The goods he brought back to New London were stored in his specially built cellar. *(Ibid.).* -- After Dorothy's death, Benjamin married Jerusha Pratt. By Jerusha, Benjamin had ten more children. *(Ibid.).*

[11]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* 1887. p. 17; *Family History of Connecticut.* I. p. 587. Same citation [both sources] for footnote: 13.

[15]*Family History of Connecticut.* I. p. 587. Susannah died unmarried. *(Ibid.).*

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142. HANNAH (PITKIN) OLCOTT/BIDWELL

[Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 8 June 1707.[1]

1st marriage: Nathaniel Olcott[2], born: 11 Sept. 1701.

CHILDREN:

(292) 1. Nathaniel Olcott [Jr.], born: 1732.
(293) 2. Elisha Olcott
(294) 3. Hannah Olcott
(295) 4. Abigail Olcott
(296) 5. Deborah Olcott
(297) 6. Mary Olcott[3]
(298) 7. Sarah Olcott
(299) 8. Elizabeth Olcott[4]

2nd marriage: William Bidwell[5]

[1]A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* 1887. p. 6.

[2]*Ibid.*, p. 17. Nathaniel was the son of Thomas and Sarah (Foote) Olcott. *(Ibid.).*

[3]*Ibid.*

[4] *Ibid.* Sarah and Elizabeth were twins. *(Ibid.).*
[5] *Ibid.*

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145. STEPHEN OLMSTED [LT.]

[Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 7 Apr. 1709 - Hartford, Conn.[1]; 1st marriage: 14 Nov. 1734; died: 14 Oct. 1799[2]; Place of Residence: Hartland, Conn.[3]

1st marriage: Margaret Olcott[4], born: 1714; died: 31 Mar. 1739.

CHILDREN:

(300) 1. ABIGAIL (OLMSTED) CROW
married: Nathaniel Crow

(301) 2. Margaret (Olmsted) Porter, born: 1738; married: 1756; died: 13 Oct. 1814 - Norwich, Conn.[5]
married: David Porter [Jr.][6]

2nd marriage: Lucy Wolcott[7], born: 7 May 1710; died: 23 May 1764; Place of Residence: Bolton, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(302) 3. Eliphalet Olmsted, baptized: 10 Apr. 1748; died: 1 Aug. 1751 - Windsor, Conn.[8]

(303) 4. STEPHEN OLMSTED [JR.], born: 1742; died: 9 Sept. 1776 - Westchester, N. Y.
married: Jane Olmsted

(304) 5. LUCY (OLMSTED) HURLBUT, born: 1743; died: 5 Jan. 1796.
married: John Hurlbut[9]

(305) 6. ISAAC OLMSTED, born: 1745; died: 27 Mar. 1825.
married: Rebecca Forbes[10]

(306) 7. Mary (Olmsted) Olmsted, born: 1749.
married: Epaphras Olmsted

(307) 8. Susannah (Olmsted) Abbe, baptized: 11 Nov. 1753; died: 3 Apr. 1822.[11]
married: Stephen Abbe[12], baptized: 30 Sept. 1753; died: 29 May 1825.[13]

3rd marriage: Sarah ———,[14], born: about 1714; died: 25 Dec. 1791.[15]

[1]*Records of Town of Hartford, 1685-1709, No. I.* Transcribed by Lucium M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (July, 1859), 242. -- Henry King Olmsted gave Stephen's date and place of birth as, "Apr. 1, 1709" - "E. Hartford, Conn." (*Olmsted Family.* p. 25).

[2]*Olmsted Family.* p. 25. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 8, 11, 13, 15.

[3]*Ibid.* Stephen moved to Hartland, Conn. with his son Isaac. *(Ibid.).*

[4]*Ibid.* Margaret was the daughter of [Deacon] Timothy Olcott, of Bolton, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

[6]*Ibid.* David was the son of David and Thankful (——) Porter of East Windsor, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

[7]*Ibid.* Lucy was the daughter of William and Abiah (Hawley) Wolcott of South Windsor, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

[9]*Ibid.*, pp. 25, 42.

[10]*Ibid.*, pp. 25, 43.

[12]*Ibid.*, p. 25. Stephen was the son of Stephen and Mary (Forbes) Abby of East Hartford, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

[14]*Ibid.* Sarah had been married before to a Mr. Church. *(Ibid.).*

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147. NATHANIEL OLMSTED

[Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 6 June 1713 - East Hartford, Conn.; married: 22 Jan. 1745; died: 27 July 1791.[1]

married: Sarah Pitkin[2], born: 15 Feb. 1725; died: 26 Apr. 1785.

CHILDREN:

(308) 1. Sarah Olmsted, born: 11 Jan. 1746; died: 13 June 1751.

(309) 2. Eleanor (Olmsted) Burr/Hammond, born: 26 June 1748; died: 28 Jan. 1822.
1st marriage: Timothy Burr[3]
2nd marriage: Nathaniel Hammond[4], born: Sept. 1733; died: 10 Dec. 1817; Place of Residence: Bolton, Conn.

(310) 3. Jerusha (Olmsted) Talcott, born: 19 Nov. 1749[5]; married: 31 Oct. 1782[6]; died: 30 Oct. 1800.[7]
married: Benjamin Talcott [Jr.], born: 9 May 1754[8]; died: 1 Feb. 1829; Place of Residence: North Bolton, Conn.[9]

(311) 4. NATHANIEL OLMSTED [JR.][10], born: 19 July 1751; died: 9 June 1792.

1st marriage: Thankful Huntington
2nd marriage: Eunice Kingsbury[11]

(312) 5. Elisha Olmsted, born: 15 Apr. 1753; died: 27 July 1753.

(313) 6. Sarah (Olmsted) Pratt, born: 11 Dec. 1754; died: 11 May 1806.[12]
married: Timothy Pratt[13], baptized: 20 May 1753; died: 4 May 1825.

(314) 7. Rebecca (Olmsted) Talcott, born: 22 Nov. 1756; married: 17 Nov. 1779; died: 3 May 1801.[14]
married: Elijah Talcott [Deacon][15], born: 22 June 1755; died: 8 Feb. 1826.

(315) 8. Abigail (Olmsted) Kellogg, born: 14 Nov. 1758; married: 22 Jan. 1789; died: 29 Jan. 1797.[16]
married: Ebenezer Kellogg[17], born: 21 Oct. 1764; died: 10 May 1812; Place of Residence: North Bolton, Conn.

(316) 9. Alice (Olmsted) Olmsted, born: 14 Feb. 1762.
married: Timothy Olmsted

(317) 10. Anne Olmsted, baptized: 30 Oct. 1763.

(318) 11. Lucy Olmsted, born: 24 Dec. 1765; died: 2 Mar. 1782.[18]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. p. 25. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 5.

[2] *Ibid.* Sarah was the daughter of Caleb and Dorothy (Hills) Pitkin. *(Ibid.)*.

[4] *Ibid.* Nathaniel was the son of Elijah and Mary (Kingsbury) Hammond. *(Ibid.)*.

[6] *Ibid.*, p. 26. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 12, 14, 16, 18.

[7] *Ibid.*, pp. 25, 26.

[8] *Ibid.*, p. 26. Benjamin was the son of [Deacon] Benjamin and Elizabeth (Lyman) Talcott of Bolton, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[10] *Ibid.*, pp. 26, 44.

[11] *Ibid.*, p. 44.

[13] *Ibid.* Timothy was the son of Daniel Pratt of East Hartford, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[15] *Ibid.* Elijah was the brother of Benjamin Talcott [Jr.] (see above) and the son of [Deacon] Benjamin and Elizabeth (Lyman) Talcott of Bolton, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[17] *Ibid.* Ebenezer was the son of [Rev.] Ebenezer Kellogg of Vernon, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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149. THADDEUS OLMSTED

[Deborah (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 20 Aug. 1713 - East Hartford, Conn.; married: 24 Mar. 1765; died: 28 Nov. 1793.[1]

married: Hannah Pitkin[2], born: 12 Nov. 1722; died: 17 Aug. 1809.[3]

CHILDREN:

(319) 1. MICHAEL OLMSTED[4], born: 2 July 1766 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 27 Aug. 1833.
married: Abigail Merrow[5]

(320) 2. ANNA (OLMSTED) KINGSBURY[6], born: 6 Apr. 1768; died: 19 Apr. 1851.
married: John Dennison Kingsbury[7]

(321) 3. Richard Olmsted, born: 29 July 1770; died: 25 Mar. 1836.

(322) 4. Mindwell (Olmsted) Hills/Hills/Hills, born: 22 Sept. 1772; 1st marriage: 2 Jan. 1792; 3rd marriage: 18 Mar. 1818; died: 18 May 1829.[8]
1st marriage: Moses Hills, born: 28 Dec. 1768; died: 1 Feb. 1814.
2nd marriage: David Hills, born: 31 May 1755; died: 2 May 1817.
3rd marriage: Richard Hills, born: 7 Feb. 1757; died: 15 Jan. 1825.[9]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. p. 26. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 8.
[2] *Ibid.* Hannah was the daughter of Caleb and Dorothy (Hills) Pitkin and the widow of Aaron Burnham. *(Ibid.)*. Hannah was the sister of Sarah Pitkin [wife of Thaddeus' cousin, Nathaniel Olmsted]. *(Ibid.)*.
[4] *Ibid.*, pp, 26, 44. Same citation for footnote: 6.
[5] *Ibid.*, p. 44. Same citation for footnote: 7.
[9] *Ibid.*, p. 26. Moses, David, and Richard were brothers. Their parents were David and Mary (Pitkin) Hills of East Hartford, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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151. SAMUEL OLMSTED

[Clemence (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1712 - East Hartford, Conn.[1]; married: about 1757[2]; died: 23 Apr. 1801.[3]

married: Jerusha Pitkin[4], died: 1 Sept. 1818.

CHILDREN:

(323) 1. Eunice Olmsted, baptized: 30 July 1758; died: 30 Sept. 1839.

(324) 2. Dorothy (Olmsted) Church, born: 6 Sept. 1759 - East Hartford, Conn.; married: 11 Mar. 1784.
married: Samuel Church, born: 1 May 1758.

(325) 3. Jerusha (Olmsted) Sage, born: 22 Nov. 1760 - East Hartford, Conn.; married: 9 Nov. 1786; died: 23 Feb. 1837.[5]
married: John Sage[6], born: 22 Oct. 1761; died: 4 Dec. 1835.

(326) 4. Huldah (Olmsted) Pitkin, born: 27 Mar. 1763; died: 2 Feb. 1807.[7]
married: David Pitkin[8], born: 8 Feb. 1761; died: 22 Mar. 1837.

(327) 5. Martha (Olmsted) Abbe, born: 20 Oct. 1764; married: 24 Nov. 1793; died: 11 Oct. 1840.[9]
married: Russell Abbe[10]. baptized: 5 Feb. 1769; died: 7 July 1828.[11]

(328) 6. SAMUEL OLMSTED [JR.][12], born: 17 Apr. 1766 - East Hartford, Conn; died: 16 May 1848.
1st marriage: Hannah Stow
2nd marriage: Elizabeth Wood[13]

(329) 7. ELISHA OLMSTED[14], born: 3 Apr. 1768; died: 24 June 1858.
1st marriage: Anne Woodbridge
2nd marriage: Olive Miller[15]

(330) 8. Russell Olmsted, born: 30 June 1771; died young.

(331) 9. Clemence (Olmsted) Kennedy, born: 3 Jan. 1773; married: 2 May 1790; died: 22 Sept. 1861.
married: John Kennedy, born: 10 Sept. 1766; died: 20 June 1848.

(332) 10. Esther (Olmsted) Reynolds, born: 23 July 1775; married: 30 Dec. 1795; died: 12 Jan. 1809.[16]
married: Amherst Reynolds[17] [Capt.], born: 9 Dec. 1771; died: 4 Aug. 1821 - New Haven, Conn.[18]; Military Service: War of 1812.[19]

(333) 11. MARY (OLMSTED) HOLLISTER, born: 3 May 1778[20]; died: 17 Sept. 1827.
married: Gideon Hollister[21]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. p. 26. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 16, 18, 21.

[2] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 647.

[4] *Olmsted Family*. p. 26. Jerusha was the daughter of Caleb and Dorothy (Hills) Pitkin. *(Ibid.)*.

[6] *Ibid*. John was the son of John and Ann (Kennedy) Sage of Middletown, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[8] *Ibid*. -- David was the son of Nathaniel and Thankful (Porter)

Pitkin. (*Ibid.*; A. P. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* 1887. p. 22).

[10] *Ibid.* Russell was the son of Stephen and Mary (Forbes) Abbe of East Hartford, Conn. *(Ibid.).* See Listing #307. Russell was the brother of Stephen Abbe who married Susannah Olmsted.

[12] *Ibid.*, pp. 26, 44.

[13] *Ibid.*, p. 44.

[14] *Ibid.*, pp. 26, 45.

[15] *Ibid.*, p. 45.

[17] *Ibid.*, p. 26. Amherst was the son of John and Abigail (Beaumont) Reynolds. *(Ibid.).*

[19] *Ibid.* Amherst served with his company in New London, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

[20] *Ibid.* -- Mary's father was 65 years old when she was born. (*Compendium of American Genealogy.* VII. 1942. p. 647).

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152. CLEMENCE (OLMSTED) STANLEY

[Clemence (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1714 - East Hartford, Conn.; married: 29 Apr. 1736; died: 8 June 1782.[1]

married: William Stanley [Lt.][2], born: 5 Oct. 1711; died: 24 Mar. 1767.

CHILDREN:

(334) 1. William Stanley [Jr.], born: 29 Mar. 1737; died: 8 Jan. 1779.
married: Jane West Huntington

(335) 2. Anne (Stanley) Pitkin/Marsh, born: 17 Jan. 1740; died: 14 May 1797.
1st marriage: Joshua Pitkin[3], died: 23 Jan. 1775.[4]
2nd marriage: Daniel Marsh

(336) 3. Elisha Stanley, born: 15 Mar. 1743; married: 11 Nov. 1766; died: 11 Mar. 1786; Places of Residence: Windsor, Conn. - 1767; Hartford, Conn. - 1772.[5]
married: Sarah Phelps[6], born: 3 July 1744; died: 18 Mar. 1819.

(337) 4. Lucy Stanley, born: 21 June 1746; died: 5 Oct. 1775.

(338) 5. Samuel Stanley, born: 25 Dec. 1747; married: 15 Jan. 1775; died: 5 May 1787.
married: Anna Olmsted

(339) 6. Theodore Stanley, born: 19 Oct. 1752; died: 14 Dec. 1830.[7]
married: Elizabeth Pitkin[8], born: 1756; died: 14 Oct. 1815.

(340) 7. Ashbel Stanley, born: 19 Apr. 1754; died: 17 Aug. 1807.

(341) 8. Martin Stanley, born: 9 June 1757; died: 26 Sept. 1762.[9]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. p. 26.

[2] *Ibid.* William was the son of Caleb and Abigail (Bunce) Stanley. *(Ibid.)*.

[3] *Ibid.* Joshua was the son of Caleb and Dorothy (Hills) Pitkin and the brother of Hannah (Pitkin) Olmsted and Sarah (Pitkin) Olmsted. (*Ibid.*, pp. 25, 26).

[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 26, 27.

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 27. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 9.

[6] *Ibid.* Sarah was the daughter of Ebenezer and Mindwell (Eggleston) Phelps. After Elisha's death, Sarah married Samuel Smith [Capt.]. *(Ibid.)*.

[8] *Ibid.* Elizabeth was the daughter of Roger and Esther (Cowles) Pitkin of East Hartford, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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153. DOROTHY (OLMSTED) STEVENS

[Clemence (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1716 - East Hartford, Conn.; married: 2 Feb. 1737; died: 24 Apr. 1784.[1]

married: Benjamin Stevens [Deacon][2], born: Mar. 1714; died: 26 May 1767.

CHILD:

(342) 1. Alice Stevens, born: 23 Dec. 1738.[3]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. p. 27. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2] *Ibid.* Benjamin was the son of [Rev.] Timothy and Alice (Cook) Stevens, of Glastonbury, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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159. MARTHA (OLMSTED) WOODBRIDGE

[Clemence (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1728 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 3 June 1791.[1]

married: Samuel Woodbridge[2], born: 1732; died: 4 July 1794.

CHILDREN:

(343) 1. Samuel Woodbridge [Jr.], baptized: 10 Feb. 1754; Place of Residence: Trenton, N. Y.

(344) 2. Martha (Woodbridge) House, born: 18 Jan. 1756. married: Benjamin House, Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.

(345) 3. George Woodbridge, baptized: 1758; Military Service: Revolutionary War; Place of Residence: Trenton, N. Y.

(346) 4. Content Woodbridge, baptized: 15 Mar. 1760; died: 23 Sept. 1805.

(347) 5. Susannah Woodbridge, baptized: 6 June 1762; died young.

(348) 6. Ashbel Woodbridge, born: 31 Dec. 1765; married: 11 Nov. 1790; died: 9 Dec. 1841.[3] married: Hannah Strong[4], born: 28 Mar. 1768; died: 17 Jan. 1856.

(349) 7. John Woodbridge, born: 23 July 1769; married: 15 Dec. 1793; died: 10 May 1804 - Trenton, N. Y.[5] married: Lydia Griswold[6], born: 8 Oct. 1771; died: 22 Apr. 1826.

(350) 8. Susannah Woodbridge, baptized: 24 Feb. 1771.[7]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. p. 27. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 5, 7.

[2] *Ibid*. Samuel was the son of [Rev.] Samuel and Content (——) Woodbridge. *(Ibid.)*.

[4] *Ibid*. Hannah was the daughter of Elijah and Lydia (Rockwell) Strong of East Windsor, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[6] *Ibid*. Lydia was the daughter of Ozias and Anna (Stanley) Griswold of Wethersfield, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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160. SAMUEL WILLARD [JR.]

[Samuel Willard[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1693; married: 1714/15; died: 1779; Public Offices:

Speaker - House of Representatives [Conn.?]; Town Clerk; Military Service: Colonel of Militia.[1]

married: Sarah Stillman[2], died: 1774.

CHILD:

(351) 1. SARAH (WILLARD) JONES, born: 1717.
married: James Jones[3]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 824. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2]*Ibid.* Sarah was the daughter of George and Rebecca (Smith) Stillman. *(Ibid.)*.

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161. JOSEPH WILLARD [REV.]

[Samuel Willard[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1696; married: 1718[1]; died: 1723[2]; Occupation: Minister[3]; Place of Residence: Rutland, [Mass.] - arrived 1721.[4]

married: Susanna Lynde[5], born: 1700; died: 1748.

CHILD:

(352) 1. JOSEPH WILLARD, born: 1723; died: 1799.
married: Huldah Willard[6]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 614. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6.

[2]*Ibid.* Joseph was killed by Indians. *(Ibid.)*.

[3]*Ibid.* Joseph graduated from Yale in 1714 and received an honorary M. A. degree from Harvard in 1723. *(Ibid.)*. -- Joseph was the minister in Sunderland, [Mass.] from 1718 to 1719. Joseph "preached" at Rutland, [Mass.] in 1721. (*Ibid.*, p. 635).

[5]*Ibid.* Susanna was the daughter of Nathaniel and Susanna (Willoughby) Lynde. *(Ibid.)*.

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167. LYDIA (BELDEN) KIRTLAND

[Dorothy (Willard) Belden[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 30 Nov. 1694 - Wethersfield, Conn.[1]; married: 29 Aug. 1716[2]; died: 7 Nov. 1749.[3]

married: John Kirtland [Capt.][4], born: 11 July 1681 - Saybrook, Conn.; Military Service: Capt. - Horse Troop, 7th Regiment, Connecticut Colony; Place of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(353) 1. Elias Kirtland, born: 21 Jan. 1718; died: 1718 (age: 3 months).

(354) 2. Elisha Kirtland, born: 11 (or) 17 Aug. 1719[5] died: 16 Mar. 1756 - Fort Edward.[6]
married: Deborah Lay

(355) 3. Lydia (Kirtland) De Wolf, born: 28 (or) 29 Oct. 1721; died: 30 June 1770 - Horton, Nova Scotia.
married: Elisha De Wolf

(356) 4. Parnell Kirtland, born: 29 Jan. 1724.

(357) 5. Constant Kirtland, born: 24 Jan. 1726; died: Feb. 1727.

(358) 6. Constant Kirtland, born: 24 Dec. 1727; married: 19 (or) 20 Apr. 1753; died: 3 Feb. 1792.[7]
married: Rachel Brockett[8], born: 23 May 1732; died: 17 Jan (or) Feb. 1812.

(359) 7. EZRA KIRTLAND, born: 11 Oct. 1728 (or) 1730 - Saybrook, Conn.; died: 22 Aug. 1800 - Stratfield [Bridgeport], Conn.
married: Olive Wakelee

(360) 8. Elizabeth Kirtland, born: 1 Sept. 1732 (or) 13 Oct. 1732; died: Sept. 1739.

(361) 9. Dorothy Kirtland, born: 21 Apr. 1735; died: 1737.[9]

[1] "Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LIV (Apr., 1923). 192. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 5, 7, 9.

[2] *Ibid.* Lydia was John's second wife. His first wife was, Temperance Buckingham, daughter of [Rev.] Thomas and Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham. *(Ibid.)*. -- Lydia and Temperance were first cousins once removed. See listing #69.

[4] *Ibid.* John was the son of John and Lydia (Pratt) Kirtland. *(Ibid.)*.

[6] *Ibid.* According to this source, Elias was "killed". *(Ibid.)*.

[8] *Ibid.* Rachel was the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Sedgwick) Brockett of Wallingford, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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171. EPHRAM WILLARD

[Simon Willard^{C}, Hannah (Hosmer) Willard^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1707; married: 1738; died: 1766.

married: Lydia Griswold, born: 1707; died: 1770.

CHILD:

(362) 1. SIMON WILLARD, born: 1744; died: 1829.
married: Sarah Robbins[1]

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 361.

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172. JANNA MEIGS [LT.]

[Hannah (Willard) Meigs^{C}, Hannah (Hosmer) Willard^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 17 Apr. 1699; married: 13 May 1724; died: 12 Feb. 1772; Place of Residence: Salesbury, Conn.[1]

married: Elizabeth Dudley[2], born: 1703.[3]

CHILDREN:

(363) 1. Sybil (Meigs) Bradley, born: 25 Apr. 1725.
married: Joseph Bradley, Place of Residence: Sunderland, Vt.

(364) 2. Hannah (Meigs) Chittenden, born: 20 Nov. 1727; married: 25 Oct. 1749; died: 15 Feb. 1751.
married: Ebenezer Chittenden, Place of Residence: New Haven, Conn.

(365) 3. NATHANIEL MEIGS, born: 6 Aug. 1729.
1st marriage: ———
2nd marriage: Azenath Bishop

(366) 4. Elizabeth (Meigs) Chittenden, born: 17 Oct. 1731; married: 4 Oct. 1749; died: 14 Oct. 1817.
married: Thomas Chittenden [Gov.], Public Office: Governor - Vermont.

(367) 5. Esther (Meigs) Wilcox, born: 19 Mar. 1734; married: 9 Nov. 1757; died: 8 Sept. 1809.
married: Ezra Wilcox, Place of Residence: Madison, Conn.

(368) 6. Prudence (Meigs) Ward, born: 12 Jan. 1737.
married: ——— Ward

(369) 7. JANNA MEIGS, born: 17 Feb. 1739; married: 16 Jan. 1764.
married: Rebecca Whiting

(370) 8. Simeon Meigs, born: 13 July 1741[4]; Military Service: Revolutionary War.[5]

(371) 9. Benzai Meigs, born: 25 Sept. 1743.[6]

(372) 10. SETH MEIGS, born: 11 Mar. 1746.[7]
married: Jemima Von Boskerk[8]

[1]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. pp. 512, 515; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. pp. 9, 13.

[2]*Ibid.*, p. 515. According to this source, Elizabeth was the daughter of Ebenezer Dudley of Guilford. *(Ibid.)*. -- According to the *Compendium* ... Elizabeth was the daughter of [Capt.] Nathaniel and Hannah (Hoyt) Dudley. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 307).

[3]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 307.

[4]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 516.

[5]*Ibid.* Simeon enlisted in Salesbury, Conn. on May 5, 1777. He served in Kirtland's Regiment. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 13. -- *Colonial Families* gave Benzai's date of birth as, 11 Mar. 1746. (*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 516). -- It is possible that the compilers of *Colonial Families* confused Benzai with his younger brother Seth. See next footnote.

[7]*Ibid.* -- According to *Colonial Families*, Janna and Elizabeth (Dudley) Meigs had 9 children [Seth was not listed], (*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. pp. 515, 516) and not 10 children as reported in the Meigs genealogy (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. pp. 13, 22). -- Because of the specialized nature of the Meigs genealogy, it is reasonable to assume that this source is the more accurate.

[8]*Ibid.*, pp. 13, 22.

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173. JOSIAH MEIGS [DEACON]

[Hannah (Willard) Meigs[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 14 May 1701[1]; married: 14 June 1727[2]; died: 26 Dec. 1774[3]; Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.[4]

married: Mary Hand[5], born: 30 Oct. 1704; died: 6 Aug. 1780.

CHILDREN:

(373) 1. Mary Meigs, born: 14 Apr. 1728; died: 24 July 1736.

(374) 2. Child [Name Unknown], born: 16 Mar. 1730; died: 5 Aug. 1730.

(375) 3. Rachel (Meigs) Stevens, born: 26 Feb. 1733; married: 30 Oct. 1750.
married: Elihu Stevens

(376) 4. Sarah (Meigs) Kirtland, born: 14 Jan. 1735; married: 16 Mar. 1758.
married: Martin Kirtland, Place of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.[6]

(377) 5. Mary (Meigs) Ward, born: 18 Jan. 1737; married: 8 Jan. 1762; died: 6 Nov. 1806.
married: Levi Ward [Deacon]

(378) 6. Eunice (Meigs) Parmalee, born: 27 Feb. 1739.
married: Phineas Parmalee, Place of Residence: Durham, Conn.

(379) 7. Josiah Meigs, born: 14 Oct. 1740; died: 16 Nov. 1740.

(380) 8. Lois (Meigs) Ward, born: 28 Aug. 1743; married: 2 Jan. 1771.
married: Ambrose Ward, Place of Residence: Killingworth, Conn.

(381) 9. Betty (Meigs) Hubbard, born: 3 Feb. 1748.
married: Jeremiah Hubbard, Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.[7]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2] *Ibid.; Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 13.

[4] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 13. Same citation for footnote: 6.

[5] *Ibid.* Mary was the daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Wright) Hand. *(Ibid.)*.

[7] *Ibid.*, p. 14.

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174. JEHIEL MEIGS [CAPT.]

[Hannah (Willard) Meigs[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 11 June 1703[1]; married: 27 Sept. 1736[2]; died: 23 Mar. 1780[3]; Military Service: Commander of Military Band, 1747-1762[4]; Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.[5]

married: Lucy Bartlett[6], born: 1712; died: 8 Dec. 1800.

CHILDREN:

(382) 1. Lucy Meigs, born: 18 Aug. 1738; died: 18 Aug. 1738.

(383) 2. Lucy (Meigs) Hand, born: 21 Sept. 1739; married: 14 July 1756; died: 25 Jan. 1778.
married: Joseph Hand [Capt.], Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.

(384) 3. JEHIEL MEIGS, born: 6 July 1743; died: 27 Dec. 1776.[7]
married: Abigail Meigs[8]

(385) 4. Lucretia (Meigs) Rose, born: 14 July 1745; married: 1 Jan. 1772.
married: Reuben Rose, Place of Residence: Branford, Conn.

(386) 5. DANIEL MEIGS, born: 24 July 1747; died: 12 May 1822.[9]
1st marriage: Chloe Scranton[10]
2nd marriage: Millicent Hopson[11]

(387) 6. ELIHU MEIGS, born: 21 Sept. 1749; died: 9 Sept. 1827.[12]
married: Elizabeth Rich[13]

(388) 7. Lovisa (Meigs) Mulford, born: 21 Dec. 1751; died: 1824.
married: Edward Mulford [Capt.], Place of Residence: North Branford, Conn.[14]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512. Same citation for footnote: 3.
[2] *Ibid.; Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 14.
[4] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 354.
[5] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 14. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 9, 12, 14.
[6] *Ibid.* Lucy was the daughter of Daniel Bartlett, of Lynn, Mass. *(Ibid.)*.
[8] *Ibid.*, p. 22.
[10] *Ibid.*, p. 23; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. p. 354.
[11] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 13.

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176. RETURN MEIGS [LT.]

[Hannah (Willard) Meigs[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 16 Mar. 1708[1]; 1st marriage: 1 Feb. 1732/33[2]; 2nd marriage: 25 Mar. 1763[3]; died: 22 June 1782[4]; Military Service: Lt. of 2nd Company or Train Band, 6th Conn. Regiment - 1745[5]; Public Office: Representative - Conn. General Assembly, 1747[6];

Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.[7]

1st marriage: Elizabeth Hamlin[8], born: 1703; died: 17 Sept. 1762.[9]

CHILDREN:

(389) 1. Elisha Meigs, born: 15 Jan. 1734; died: 10 Oct. 1736.

(390) 2. Janna Meigs, born: 29 Sept. 1735; died: 4 Oct. 1736.

(391) 3. Elizabeth Meigs, born: 15 July 1737; died: 16 Apr. 1740.

(392) 4. Elisha Meigs, born: 4 Oct. 1739; died: 22 Dec. 1739.[10]

(393) 5. RETURN JONATHAN MEIGS, born: 17 Dec. 1740; died: 28 Jan. 1823.[11]
1st marriage: Joanna Winborn[12]
2nd marriage: Grace Starr

(394) 6. John Meigs, born: 9 Oct. 1742; died: 28 Oct. 1750.

(395) 7. GILES MEIGS, born: 29 Oct. 1744; died: 7 Nov. 1824.
1st marriage: Experience Allen
2nd marriage: Anne [Anna] Pinto[13]

(396) 8. Josiah Meigs, born: 21 Nov. 1746; died: 29 Oct. 1751.

(397) 9. Elizabeth Meigs, born: 25 Jan. 1748; died: 4 Aug. 1753.

(398) 10. Timothy Meigs, born: 28 Feb. 1750; died: 28 Oct. 1751.

(399) 11. Hannah Meigs, born: 21 Nov. 1751; died: 28 Jan. 1753.

(400) 12. JOHN MEIGS, born: 12 Nov. 1753; died: 24 Nov. 1826.[14]
married: Elizabeth Henshaw[15]

(401) 13. JOSIAH MEIGS, born: 21 Aug. 1757; died: 4 Sept. 1822.[16]
married: Clara Benjamin[17]

2nd marriage: Jane _____ (widow)[18]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 9. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave the year of Return's birth as, "1708". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26).

[2] *Ibid.*

[3] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 14.

[4] *Ibid.*, p. 9. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave the year of Return's death as, "1782". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26).

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 14; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26.

[6] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303. Return represented his home town of Middletown. *(Ibid.)*.

[7] *Ibid.*, p. 26; *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512.

[8] *Ibid.*, pp. 26, 303. Elizabeth was the daughter of Jabez Hamlin of Middletown, Conn. *(Ibid.*, p. 303). -- *Colonial Families*

also noted that Elizabeth was the daughter of Jabez Hamlin. (*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 512).

[9]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 14.

[10]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 513. Same citation for footnote: 13.

[11]*Ibid*. The *Compendium* ... also gave Return's year of birth as, "1740" and his year of death as, "1823". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303).

[12]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303.

[14]*Ibid.*, p. 514. Same citation for footnote: 15.

[16]*Ibid*. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Josiah's year of birth as, "1757" and his year of death as, "1822". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 379; *Ibid*. VII. 1942. p. 26). -- Note: Of Lt. Return's 13 children, 9 died before their 8th birthday.

[17]*Ibid.*, p. 512; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26. -- Note: *Descendants of Vincent Meigs* also reported all 13 children of Lt. Return and Elizabeth (Hamlin) Meigs. (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. pp. 14, 15).

[18]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. p. 14. This source gave her name as, "Mrs. Jane Doane (widow)". There were no children by this marriage. *(Ibid.)*.

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177. ESTHER [HESTER] (MEIGS) BISHOP

[Hannah (Willard) Meigs[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 19 June 1709[1] - Guilford, Conn.; married: 28 Nov. 1733 - Guilford, Conn.[2]; died: 25 Dec. 1761 - Middletown, Conn.[3]

married: Stephen Bishop IV, born: 12 Oct. 1708 - Guilford, Conn.[4]; died: 1752/53 - Long Island, N. Y.[5]

CHILDREN:

(402) 1. Stephen Bishop V, born: 15 Aug. 1734.

(403) 2. EUNICE (BISHOP) JOYCE, born: 11 Nov. 1736[6] - Guilford, Conn.[7]
married: William Joyce

(404) 3. Amy Bishop, born: 25 Nov. 1738.

(405) 4. Timothy Bishop, born: 11 Feb. 1741.

(406) 5. HANNAH (BISHOP) BISHOP/DUDLEY, born: 11 Apr. 1743.[8]
1st marriage: James Bishop[9]
2nd marriage: David Dudley

(407) 6. James Bishop, born: 23 Nov. 1745.

(408) 7. Esther Bishop, born: 8 Jan. 1748; died: 20 Feb. 1749.

(409) 8. Daniel Bishop, born: 5 June 1750.
married: Louisa Hotchkin, died: 6 Feb. 1800.

(410) 9. Sarah Bishop, born: 1753.[10]

[1]*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 27. This source elsewhere gave her date of birth as, "12. 19. 1709". (*Ibid.*, p. 233).

[2]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Sept. 1981. p. 8,498.

[3]Letter, Esther (Mould) Leidhold to Ronald Hosmer, Aug. 30, 1977. Same citation for footnote: 5.

[4]*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 27. Stephen was the son of Stephen and Sarah (Stevens) Bishop. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 8, 10.

[7]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Sept. 1981. p. 1,421.

[9]*Descendants of John Bishop*. p. 27. James Bishop, Hannah's husband, was also her cousin. (*Ibid.*, p. 235).

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180. TIMOTHY MEIGS [DEACON]

[Hannah (Willard) Meigs[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 19 Sept. 1713; married: 27 Sept. 1735; died: 14 Sept. 1751[1]; Religion: Congregational[2]; Occupation: Merchant, Farmer[3]; Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.[4]

married: Mary French[5], died: 15 Mar. 1788.

CHILDREN:

(411) 1. Ruth (Meigs) Bradley, born: 1 May 1737; married: 18 Jan. 1755; died: 6 Jan. 1814.
married: Stephen Bradley, Place of Residence: Sunderland, Vt.

(412) 2. Mabel (Meigs) Lee, born: 14 Apr. 1739; married: 7 Dec. 1757; died: 20 Oct. 1800.
married: Nathaniel Lee, Place of Residence: Sunderland, Vt.

(413) 3. Statira (Meigs) Bartlett, born: 14 Sept. 1741; died: 1779.
married: Elihu Bartlett [Dr.], Place of Residence: Sunderland, Vt.

(414) 4. John French Meigs, born: 20 Jan. 1744; died: 4 Nov. 1767.

(415) 5. Mary Meigs, born: 25 Apr. 1746; died in infancy.

(416) 6. Hannah (Meigs) Bartlett, born: 2 Dec. 1748.
married: Samuel Bartlett, Place of Residence: Chatham, Conn.

(417) 7. TIMOTHY MEIGS [JR.], born: 2 Mar. 1751; died:

13 Nov. 1827.[6]
married: Elizabeth Stone[7]

[1]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs.* pp. 9, 15.; *Colonial Families.* II. 1911. p. 515.
[2]*Ibid.*, p. 15. Timothy was a deacon from 1745 to his death. *(Ibid.).*
[3]*Ibid.* Timothy graduated from Yale College in 1732. *(Ibid.).*
[4]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 6.
[5]*Ibid.* Mary was the daughter of John French and the granddaughter of the "first Rector of Yale University". *(Ibid.).*
[7]*Ibid.*, p. 27.

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182. SAMUEL BEAUMONT [JR.]

[Hester (Buckingham) Beaumont[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

married: 1716.[1]

married: Abigail Denison[2]

CHILD:

(418) 1. WILLIAM BEAUMONT, born: 1725; died: 1812.
married: Sarah Everett[3]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* IV. 1930. p. 50. Same citation for footnote: 3.
[2]*Ibid.* Abigail was the daughter of John and Ann (Mason) Denison of Wethersfield, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

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183. THOMAS BUCKINGHAM [JR.]

[Thomas Buckingham Sr.[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 Jan. 1693/94[1]; died: 13 Dec. 1760.

married: Mary Parker

CHILD:

(419) 1. JEDEDIAH BUCKINGHAM, born: 20 Jan. 1727- Saybrook, Conn.; died: 9 July 1809 - Columbia, Conn.
married: Martha Clark[2]

[1]"Records of Saybrook, Ct.". Communicated by Rev. Sylvester Nash. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IV (Jan., 1850), 20.

[2]Letter, Gretchen Hosmer to Ronald Roberts, Jan. 15, 1976.

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184. STEPHEN BUCKINGHAM

[Daniell Buckingham[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer [A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1703; died: 1762.

married: Elizabeth Sherwood

CHILD:

(420) 1. EBENEZER BUCKINGHAM, born: 1748; died: 1824.
married: Esther Bradley[1]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 62.

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185. NATHAN BUCKINGHAM

[Hezekiah Buckingham[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer [A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1714; married: 1745; died: 1796.

married: Constant Tiffany

CHILD:

(421) 1. HOSMER BUCKINGHAM, born: 1761.
married: Lilly Snow[1]

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 906.

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186. TEMPERANCE (KIRTLAND) SOUTHWORTH

[Temperance (Buckingham) Kirtland[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1710; married: 1732.[1]

married: Andrew Southworth[2], born: 1709.

CHILD:

(422) 1. NATHAN SOUTHWORTH, born: 1735.
married: Hannah Wheeler[3]

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 435. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2] *Ibid.* Andrew was the son of William and Martha (_____) Southworth, and the grandson of Constant Southworth. *(Ibid.)*.

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187. SARAH (DOTY) STILLMAN

[Anne (Buckingham) Doty[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 18 Nov. 1708[1] - Saybrook, Conn.[2]; married: 29 Aug. 1727[3]; died: 4 Oct. 1732.[4]

married: Benjamin Stillman[5], born: 29 July 1705.[6]

CHILDREN:

(423) 1. George Stillman, born: 24 Nov. 1729.
(424) 2. SAMUEL STILLMAN, born: 28 Nov. 1731[7]; died: 1772.
married: Susannah Lord[8]

[1] *Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 62. -- The *Compen-*

dium ... also reported the year of Sarah's birth as, 1708. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476).

[2]*Ibid.*

[3]"Records of Wethersfield, Conn.". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XX (Apr., 1886), 128. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Sarah's year of marriage as, 1727. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476.

[4]*Ibid.* This source reported that Sarah died at the age of 23 years 10 months and 15 days. *(Ibid.)*. The *Compendium* ... also gave Sarah's year of death as, 1732. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476).

[5]*Ibid.*, pp. 127, 128. Benjamin was the son of George and Rebecca (———) Stillman [Stilman]. (*Ibid.*, p. 128). -- The *Compendium* ... also reported that Benjamin's father was George Stillman. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476).

[6]*Ibid.*, p. 128. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Benjamin's year of birth as, 1705. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476).

[7]*Ibid.*

[8]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 476.

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188. SAMUEL DOTY

[Anne (Buckingham) Doty[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 17 June 1712[1] - Saybrook, Conn.[2]; married: 1733; died: 1751.[3]

married: Margery Parker[4], born: 1708; died: 1785.

CHILD:

(425) **1. SAMUEL DOTY [JR.], born: 1736; died: 1810. married: Mercy Doty[5]**

[1]*Vital Records of Saybrook 1647-1834*. p. 62. -- The *Compendium* ... also reported the year of Samuel's birth as, 1712. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 121).

[2]*Ibid.*

[3]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 121. Samuel graduated from Yale in 1733. *(Ibid.)*.

[4]*Ibid.* Margery was the daughter of John and Mary (Jones) Parker. *(Ibid.)*.

[5]*Ibid.*

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NEW ENGLAND: POPULATION & NATIONALITY

ESTIMATED COLONIAL POPULATION
1740 - 1780

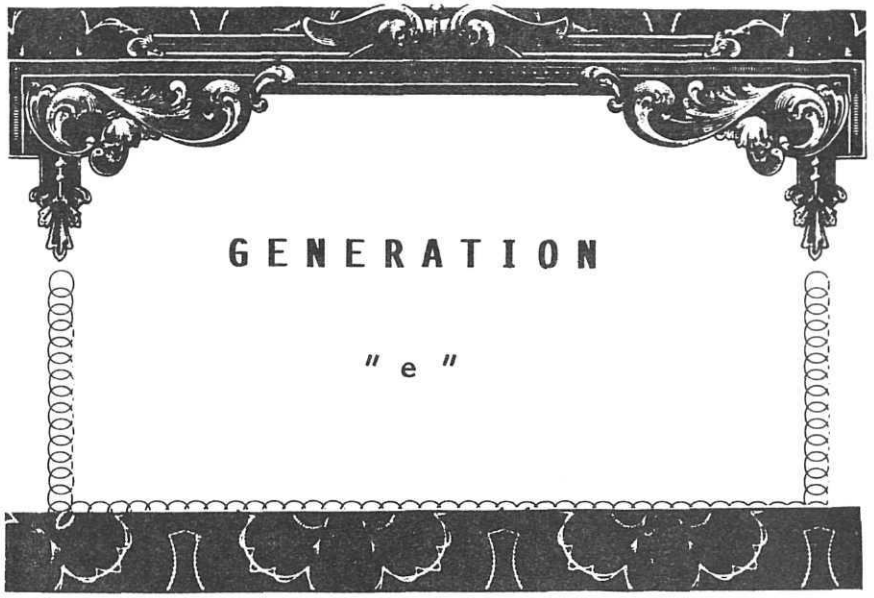
	1740	1750	1760	1770	1780
Maine	-	-	20,000	31,257	49,133
New Hampshire	23,256	27,505	39,093	62,396	87,802
Vermont	-	-	-	10,000	47,620
Massachusetts	151,613	188,000	202,600	235,308	268,627
Rhode Island	25,255	33,226	45,471	58,196	52,946
Connecticut	89,580	111,280	142,470	183,881	206,701
New York	63,665	76,696	117,138	162,920	210,541

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE WHITE POPULATION IN NEW ENGLAND BY NATIONALITY ** YEAR: 1790

	English	Scotch	Irish	German	Dutch	French	Swedish	Unassigned
Maine	60.0%	4.5%	11.7%	1.3%	0.1%	1.3%	-	21.1%
New Hampshire	61.0	6.2	7.5	0.4	0.1	0.7	-	24.1
Vermont	76.0	5.1	5.1	0.2	0.6	0.4	-	12.6
Massachusetts	82.0	4.4	3.9	0.3	0.2	0.8	-	8.4
Rhode Island	71.0	5.8	2.8	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.1%	18.6
Connecticut	67.0	2.2	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.9	-	26.4
New York	52.0	7.0	8.1	8.2	17.5	3.8	0.5	2.9

SOURCE: *Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.*



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Stat magni nōminis umbra.

He stands the shadow of a mighty name.

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Spes sibi quisque.

Let each man's hope be in himself; let him trust to his own resources.

-- Latin proverbs

Generation "e"

191. REUBEN SUMNER

[Hannah (Hunt) Sumner[d], Thomas Hunt[c], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 29 May 1727 - Hebron, Conn.[1]; married: 6 Mar. 1754; died: 2 Apr. 1807; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.[2]

married: Elizabeth Mack[3], died: 10 July 1805; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(426) 1. Hannah (Sumner) Warner, born: 29 Dec. 1754 - Hebron, Conn.; married: Oct. 1775; died: 1811.
married: Daniel Warner, died: 1810; Place of Residence: Derby, Vt.

(427) 2. Elizabeth (Sumner) Cook, born: 29 Jan. 1757 - Hebron, Conn.
married: Oliver Cook, Place of Residence: Wethersfield, Vt.

(428) 3. Lydia (Sumner) Strong, born: 25 Aug. 1759 - Hebron, Conn.; married: Nov. 1781.
married: John Strong, Place of Residence: East Windsor, Conn.[4]

(429) 4. WILLIAM SUMNER, born: 22 Sept. 1761 - Hebron, Conn.[5]; died: 7 May 1838.
married: Jemima Tarbox[6]

(430) 5. REUBEN SUMNER [JR.], born: 19 Mar. 1764 - Hebron, Conn.[7]; died: 6 June 1843.
married: Anna Perrin[8]

(431) 6. Sibyl (Sumner) Norton, born: 15 June 1766 - Hebron, Conn.; married: 1785; died: 14 Nov. 1811.
married: Jethro Norton, died: 21 Dec. 1841; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.

(432) 7. Abigail Sumner, born: 8 Sept. 1768 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 15 May 1775.

(433) 8. Mary Sumner, born: 21 Apr. 1771 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 8 Aug. 1771.[9]

(434) 9. HENRY PETERSON SUMNER, born: 10 June 1773 - Hebron, Conn.[10]; died: 18 Jan. 1838.
1st marriage: Jerusha Perrin
2nd marriage: Mary S. Goslee[11]

(435) 10. Abigail (Sumner) Ellis, born: 26 Nov. 1775 - Hebron, Conn.; married: 13 Sept. 1797; died: 7 Sept. 1829.
married: Isaac Ellis, died: 18 May 1838; Place of Residence: Lenox, Mass.

(436) 11. Mary (Sumner) Gosler, born: 24 May 1778 - Hebron, Conn.; married: 30 Aug. 1798.
married: James Gosler[12]

[1] *Descendants of William Sumner.* pp. 8, 17.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 17. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 9, 12.
[3] *Ibid.; Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 32.
[5] *Ibid.*, pp. 17, 38.
[6] *Ibid.*, p. 38.
[7] *Ibid.*, pp. 17, 39. Same citation for footnote: 10.
[8] *Ibid.*, p. 39. Same citation for footnote: 11.

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193. CLEMENT SUMNER [REV.]

[Hannah (Hunt) Sumner[d], Thomas Hunt[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 15 July 1731 - Hebron, Conn.[1]; died: 29 Mar. 1795 - Keene, N. H.[2]; Occupation: Minister[3]; Places of Residence: Keene, N. H., 1761-1772; Thetford, Vt., 1773-1777; Swanzez, N. H.[4]

married: Elizabeth Gilbert[5], died: 19 May 1818 - Swanzey, N. H.[6]

CHILDREN:

(437) 1. Elizabeth Sumner, born: 22 Feb. 1760 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 26 Feb. 1767.

(438) 2. Anna (Sumner) York, born: 22 Feb. 1760 - Hebron, Conn.[7]
married: ——— York

(439) 3. Clarissa Sumner, born: 12 Apr. 1762 - Keene, N. H.; died: 25 Nov. 1780.

(440) 4. Lucina (Sumner) Carpenter, born: 10 Sept. 1764 - Keene, N. H.; married: 1780; died: Potsdam, N. Y.
married: William Carpenter

(441) 5. Aaron Sumner, born: 18 Dec. 1765 - Keene, N. H.; died: 18 Dec. 1765.[8]

(442) 6. CLEMENT AUGUSTUS SUMNER, born: 6 June 1767 - Keene, N. H.[9]; died: 11 Mar. 1829.

married: Lucy Stratton[10]

(443) 7. SAMUEL GILBERT SUMNER, born: 27 Apr. 1769 - Keene, N. H.[11]; died: 1841.
married: Susanna Towne[12]

(444) 8. WILLIAM SUMNER, born: 1 Apr. 1771 - Keene, N. H.[13]; died: 18 Dec. 1851 - Esquising, Canada.
married: Patience Johnson[14]

(445) 9. Elizabeth (Sumner) Jackson, born: 7 Apr. 1774 - Thetford, Vt.
married: ——— Jackson

(446) 10. Zelinda Sumner, born: 30 Oct. 1777 - Swanzey, N. H.

(447) 11. Sarah (Sumner) Lincoln, born: 20 Aug. 1780 - Swanzey, N. H.
married: ——— Lincoln[15]

[1]*Descendants of William Sumner.* pp. 8, 17.
[2]*Ibid.*, p. 18. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 8.
[3]*Ibid.*, p. 17. Clement obtained his A. B. degree from Yale College in 1758. *(Ibid.)*.
[4]*Ibid.*
[5]*Ibid.; Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 33. -- Elizabeth was the daughter of Samuel Gilbert of Hebron, Conn. (*Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 33).
[7]*Ibid.* Elizabeth and Anna were twins. *(Ibid.)*.
[9]*Ibid.*, pp. 18, 40. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 13.
[10]*Ibid.*, p. 40. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 14.
[15]*Ibid.*, p. 18. Mr. Lincoln's Christian name is not known.

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195. THOMAS SUMNER

[Hannah (Hunt) Sumner[d], Thomas Hunt[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 11 May 1734 - Hebron, Conn.[1]; married: 7 June 1761; died: 4 Jan. 1820 - near Toronto, Canada; Public Offices: Justice of the Peace - Thetford, Vt., Commissioner - Gloucester County, Associate Justice of Inferior Court of Common Pleas of Gloucester County; Places of Residence: Thetford, Vt.[2]; Nova Scotia; Canada.[3]

married: Rebecca Downer[4], born: 4 Feb. 1739 - Sunderland, Mass.[5]; Place of Residence: Bolton, Conn.[6]

CHILDREN:

(448) 1. Thomas Hunt Sumner, born: 14 Apr. 1762 - Hebron, Conn.; died young.[7]

(449) 2. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS SUMNER, born: 1 Mar. 1764 - Hebron, Conn.[8]; died: 7 Jan. 1854 - Westminster, Canada.
married: Elizabeth Beardslee[9]

(450) 3. SAMUEL LOCKHART SUMNER, born: 11 June 1766 - Hebron, Conn.[10]; died: 1822.
married: ———[11]

(451) 4. JOHN AUSTIN SUMNER, born: 18 Nov. 1768 - Thetford, Vt.[12]; died: 21 Dec. 1854 - Westminster, Canada.[13]
1st marriage: Abigail Plumley[14]
2nd marriage: Hannah A. Bingham[15]

(452) 5. HENRY GEORGE SUMNER, born: 13 July 1771 - Thetford, Vt.[16]; died: 31 Jan. 1856.
married: Sarah Hall[17]

(453) 6. GEORGE HENRY SUMNER, born: 13 July 1771 - Thetford, Vt.[18]; died: 12 Apr. 1848.
married: Anna Redway[19]

(454) 7. AZOR BETTS SUMNER, born: 24 Aug. 1777[20]; died: 25 Mar. 1870 - High Point, Missouri.
married: Persis Patty Warren[21]

(455) 8. Nancy (Sumner) Clements
married: ——— Clements, Place of Residence: New Brunswick.

(456) 9. Sylvia Americana (Sumner) Mason/Shotwell
1st marriage: Daniel Mason, Place of Residence: New Brunswick.
2nd marriage: Abram Shotwell[22]

[1] *Descendants of William Sumner*. pp. 8, 18.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 18. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 22.
[3] *Ibid.* Because he was a "decided" Tory during the American Revolutionary War, he was forced to leave his home in Vermont and move to Nova Scotia. He later moved to Canada where he died. (*Ibid.*).
[4] *Ibid.* -- Rebecca was the daughter of Samuel and Phebe (Bishop) Downer of Bolton, Conn. (*Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 33).
[5] David R. Downer. *The Downers of America, With Genealogical Record*. Newark, N. J.: Baker Printing Co., 1900. p. 11.
[6] *Descendants of William Sumner*. p. 18; *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 33.
[8] *Ibid.*, pp. 18, 41. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 12.
[9] *Ibid.*, p. 41; *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 33.
[11] *Ibid.*
[13] *Ibid.*, p. 42. Same citation for footnotes: 15, 17, 19.
[14] *Ibid.*, p. 41; *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 33.
[16] *Ibid.*, pp. 18, 42.
[18] *Ibid.* George Henry Sumner and Henry George Sumner were twins. (*Ibid.*, p. 18).
[20] *Ibid.*, pp. 18, 43.
[21] *Ibid.*, p. 43; *Ruf and Allied Families*. p. 34.

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196. JONATHAN SUMNER

[Hannah (Hunt) Sumner[d], Thomas Hunt[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 15 Mar. 1735 - Hebron, Conn.[1]; married: 23 Oct. 1760; Public Office: Justice of the Peace - Gloucester County - 1770; Places of Residence: Lebanon, Conn.; Vermont - arrived about 1770; Thetford, Vt. - 1771.

married: Submit Culver, Place of Residence: Lebanon, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(457) 1. Abigail Sumner, born: 2 Sept. 1761 - Lebanon, Conn.

(458) 2. Lucina Sumner, born: 25 Mar. 1763 - Lebanon, Conn.[2]

(459) 3. EDWARD CULVER SUMNER, born: 14 Oct. 1764 - Lebanon, Conn.[3]; died: 1821 - Wheelersburg, Ohio.
married: Abigail Clark[4]

(460) 4. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS SUMNER, born: 15 July 1766 - Lebanon, Conn.[5]; died: 10 May 1831 - Hinesburg, Vt.
married: Miriam Harris[6]

(461) 5. JONATHAN ROSE SUMNER, born: 30 Apr. 1768 - Lebanon, Conn.[7]
married: Lovinia Miner[8]

(462) 6. Clarissa Sumner, born: 13 Jan. 1770 - Lebanon, Conn.; died: Nov. 1786.

(463) 7. Jacob Bela Sumner, born: 19 Mar. 1771; Places of Residence: Franklin, N. Y.; Michigan.
married: Margery Loveman[9]

(464) 8. CYRUS SUMNER, born: 20 Oct. 1772.[10]; died: 1833.
married: Mary Bill[11]

(465) 9. JAMES SUMNER, born: 16 Oct. 1774.[12]; died: 26 Feb. 1864.
1st marriage: Phebe Alvord
2nd marriage: Asenath Alvord[13]

[1] *Descendants of William Sumner.* pp. 8, 18.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 18. Same citation for footnote: 9.
[3] *Ibid.*, pp. 18, 43. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 7.
[4] *Ibid.*, p. 43. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 8.
[10] *Ibid.*, pp. 18, 44. Same citation for footnote: 12.
[11] *Ibid.*, p. 44. Same citation for footnote: 13.

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197. BENJAMIN SUMNER

[Hannah (Hunt) Sumner[d], Thomas Hunt[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 5 Feb. 1737 - Hebron, Conn.[1]; married: 20 May 1758; died: 9 May 1815 - Claremont, N. H.; Public Office: Representative - 1781; Places of Residence: Hebron, Conn.; Claremont, N. H.[2]

married: Prudence Hubbard[3], died: 7 Sept. 1821.

CHILDREN:

(466) 1. Mary (Sumner) Goodwin, born: 21 Dec. 1758 - Hebron, Conn.; married: 18 Aug. 1774.
married: James Goodwin, Place of Residence: Claremont, N. H.

(467) 2. Prudence (Sumner) Hubbard/Dexter, born: 14 Jan. 1760 - Hebron, Conn.; 1st marriage: 29 Feb. 1780; 2nd marriage: 4 Oct. 1789; died: 25 Jan. 1841 - Danville, Vt.
1st marriage: Hezekiah Hubbard, died: 1783; Place of Residence: Glastonbury, Conn.
2nd marriage: Stephen Dexter, died: 24 Mar. 1843; Place of Residence: Claremont, N. H.[4]

(468) 3. WILLIAM BENJAMIN SUMNER, born: 4 Oct. 1762 - Hebron, Conn.[5]; died: 1 Jan. 1849 - St Paul, Arkansas.
married: Esther Burnham[6]

(469) 4. David Hubbard Sumner, born: 18 June 1764 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 6 Apr. 1774.[7]

(470) 5. JOHN HENRY SUMNER, born: 20 Apr. 1766 - Hebron, Conn.[8]; died: 3 July 1849 - St. Albans, Vt.
married: Hannah Fitch[9]

(471) 6. Hannah Sumner, born: 4 Sept. 1768 - Claremont, N. H.; died young.[10]

(472) 7. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SUMNER, born: 1 May 1770 - Claremont, N. H.[11]; died: 13 Aug. 1834.
married: Abigail Bailey[12]

(473) 8. Honour (Sumner) White, born: 18 Feb. 1772 - Claremont, N. H.; married: 30 Dec. 1790; died: 21 Apr. 1854 - Claridon, Ohio.
married: Elisha White, died: 3 Apr. 1802 - Weybridge, Vt.; Place of Residence: Claremont, N. H.

(474) 9. Hannah (Sumner) Wyse, born: 9 Mar. 1774 - Claremont, N. H.; married: 1 Nov. 1797; died: 1 May 1806.
married: John Wyse, died: June 1816.[13]

(475) 10. Anne (Sumner) Ashley[14], born: 9 Mar. 1774 - Claremont, N. H.; married: Aug. 1796; died: Apr. 1849.
married: Samuel Ashley, died: 10 Jan. 1813; Place of Residence: Claremont, N. H.[15]

(476) 11. DAVID HUBBARD SUMNER, born: 7 Dec. 1776 - Claremont, N. H.[16]; died: 28 Aug. 1867.
1st marriage: Martha Brandon Foxcroft
2nd marriage: Wealthy Thomas[17]

(477) 12. GEORGE WHEATON SUMNER, born: 15 Mar. 1779 - Claremont, N. H.[18]; died: 7 Feb. 1806.
married: Matilda Hutchins[19]

(478) 13. Frederick Haldimand Sumner[20], born: 21 Jan. 1782 - Claremont, N. H.; Occupation: Lawyer - New Orleans, La.; died: 3 Sept. 1819 - New Orleans, La.[21]

[1] *Descendants of William Sumner.* pp. 8, 19.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 19. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 7, 10, 13, 15, 21.
[3] *Ibid.; Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 33. -- Prudence was the daughter of David Hubbard of Glastonbury, Conn. (*Ruf and Allied Families.* p. 33).
[5] *Ibid.*, pp. 19, 44.
[6] *Ibid.*, pp. 44, 45.
[8] *Ibid.*, pp. 19, 45. Same citation for footnote: 11.
[9] *Ibid.*, p. 45. Same citation for footnote: 12.
[14] *Ibid.*, p. 19. Anne and Hannah were twins. *(Ibid.).*
[16] *Ibid.*, pp. 19, 46. Same citation for footnote: 18.
[17] *Ibid.*, p. 46. Same citation for footnote: 19.
[20] *Ibid.*, p. 19. Frederick received his A. B. degree from Harvard in 1803. Frederick was a "Volunteer Aid at battle of 8 January 1815". *(Ibid.).*

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207. ANNA E. (HUNT) HUBBARD

[Samuel Hunt (Capt.)[d], Jonathan Hunt (Lt.)[c], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1736; died: 1795.

married: John Hubbard [Rev.], born: 1726; died: 1794; Occupation: Minister.

CHILD:

(479) 1. SAMUEL HUBBARD , born: 1763; died: 1844.
married: Elizabeth Swan[1]

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 327.

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219. STEPHEN ALVORD

[Clemence (Wright) Alvord[d], Hannah (Hunt) Wright[c], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1735; died: 1812; Military Service: American Revolutionary War; Place of Residence: Chesterfield, N. H.[1]

married: Abigail Davis[2], born: 1747; died: 1820.

CHILD:

(480) 1. ABIGAIL (ALVORD) ELLIS, born: 1771; died: 1820.
married: Zaccheus Ellis[3]

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 777.
[2] *Ibid.* Abigail was the daughter of Simon and Mary (Powers) Davis. *(Ibid.)*.
[3] *Ibid.*

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221. ELIJAH HUNT

[Stephen Hunt[d], Ebenezer Hunt (Deacon)[c], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1749; married: 1773; died: 1815; Place of Residence: Lebanon, Conn.

married: Abigail Reynolds, born: 1752; died: 1829.

CHILD:

(481) 1. STEPHEN HUNT, born: 1775; died: 1853.

married: Lavina Dewey[1]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. V. 1933. p. 673.

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222. EBENEZER SHELDON

[Stephen Sheldon[d], Mary (Hunt) Sheldon[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 10 Dec.[1] 1738[2] - Southhampton, Conn.; married: 1763.[3]

married: Esther Strong[4], born: 24 Oct. 1739 - Northhampton, Mass.; died: May 1773.

CHILD:

(482) 1. JOSEPH SHELDON, born: 1773 - Southhampton, Conn.; died: 16 May 1844 - Antwerp, N. Y.
married: Molly Arthur[5]

[1]Letter, Mrs. Sally Adam to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 15, 1978.
Same citation for footnotes: 3, 5.
[2]*Ibid.; Sheldon Magazine*. 1855. p. 5.
[4]*Ibid.* Esther was the daughter of [Deacon] Waitslill [Waitstill] and Esther (Root) Strong. *(Ibid.)*.

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229. EZRA SHELDON

[Moses Sheldon (Deacon)[d], Mary (Hunt) Sheldon[C], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: Durham, Conn.; baptized: 11 Nov. 1750 - Durham, Conn.; married: 4 July 1776 - Salisbury, Conn.; Place of Residence: Salisbury, Conn.[1]

married: Abigail Reed[2], born: 15 Jan. 1754 - Salisbury, Conn.; died: 8 Sept. 1815 - Salisbury, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(483) 1. JAMES SHELDON, born: 6 Feb. 1777 - Salisbury, Conn.; died: 6 Feb. 1859.
married: Sarah Kingsbury

(484) 2. Abigail Sheldon, born: 8 Feb. 1779 - Salisbury, Conn.

(485) 3. Polly Sheldon, born: 15 Nov. 1780 - Salisbury, Conn.

(486) 4. Elizabeth Sheldon, born: 13 Dec. 1782 - Salisbury, Conn.

(487) 5. Sally Sheldon, born: 18 Mar. 1785 - Salisbury, Conn.

(488) 6. Laura Sheldon, born: 13 Sept. 1787 - Salisbury, Conn.

(489) 7. Calista Sheldon, born: 15 Oct. 1790 - Salisbury, Conn.

(490) 8. Elias Sheldon, born: 1 June 1793 - Salisbury, Conn.

(491) 9. Joel Reed Sheldon, born: 24 Aug. 1795 - Salisbury, Conn.[3]

[1]J. Gardner Bartlett. "The Sheldons of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and Isaac Sheldon of New England". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 400. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2]*Ibid.* Abigail was the daughter of Elias and Mary (Todd) Reed. *(Ibid.)*.

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234. ISAAC SHELDON

[Elias Sheldon[d], Mary (Hunt) Sheldon[c], Clemence (Hosmer) Hunt[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1774; died: 1862[1]; Place of Residence: Northampton, Mass.[2]

married: ———

CHILD:

(492) 1. George Sheldon [Rev.], born: 1813; died: 1881; Occupation: Minister; Place of Residence: Northampton, Mass.
married: ———[3]

[1]J. Gardner Bartlett. "The Sheldons of Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and Isaac Sheldon of New England". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXX (Oct., 1926), 399.

[2]*Ibid.* It was, apparently, a family tradition to pass on the family homestead on Bridge Street to the youngest son. Mr. Bartlett wrote: "He [Ebenezer Sheldon - generation "c", husband of Mary Hunt] succeeded to his father's homestead on Bridge Street, Northampton, where he spent his life, engaged in farming. The homestead later passed to Ensign Ebenezer Sheldon's youngest son, Elias Sheldon (born in 1721, died in 1793), next to Elias's youngest son, Isaac Sheldon (born 1774, died in 1862), next to the latter's son, Rev. George Sheldon, D. D. (born in 1813, died in 1881), and then to the latter's sons, thus continuing in the family for over two hundred and twenty years". *(Ibid.)*.

[3]*Ibid.*

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235. DAVID BARBER [JR.]

[Hannah (Post) Barber[d], Hannah (Hosmer) Post[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1716; 2nd marriage: 1749; died: 1801.

1st marriage: _____ [1]
2nd marriage: Abigail Newcomb[2], born: 1725; died: 1805.

CHILD:

(493) 1. AARON BARBER, born: 1753; died: 1806. married: Rachel Jones[3]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 232.

[2]*Ibid.* Abigail was the daughter of Obadiah and Abigail (___) Newcomb. *(Ibid.)*.

[3]*Ibid.*

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236. ELLIS BLISS

[Hannah (Post) Bliss[d], Hannah (Hosmer) Post[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 25 Sept. 1733[1]; 1st marriage: 7 Apr. 1757; 2nd marriage: 30 Apr. 1770[2]; died: 14 July 1814[3]; Occupation: Farmer; Place

of Residence: Hebron, Conn.[4]

1st marriage: Tamar Dewey, died: 29 Nov. 1769.

CHILDREN:

(494) 1. Child [Name Unknown], born: 1758; died young.[5]

(495) 2. ELLIS BLISS JR., born: 5 Apr. 1759[6] - Hebron, Conn.[7]; died: 22 Aug. 1829.[8]
1st marriage: Abigail Taylor[9]
2nd marriage: Thankful Webster[10]

(496) 3. John Bliss, born: 7 Apr. 1761[11]; died: 19 Apr. 1803 - Wait's River, Bradford, Vt.; Occupation: Carpenter[12]; Place of Residence: Vermont.
married: Mary Aspinwall, Place of Residence: West Fairlee, Vt.[13]

(497) 4. DAVID BLISS, born: 17 June 1763[14] - Hebron, Conn.[15]; died: 18 Mar. 1835.[16]
1st marriage: Bathsheba Cole
2nd marriage: Jane Mc Duffee[17]

(498) 5. Flavel Bliss, born: 8 July 1765[18]; died: 2 Aug. 1778 - New London, Conn.[19]

(499) 6. Lydia (Bliss) Peters, born: 14 June 1767; married: 16 Dec. 1790; died: 5 Mar. 1816.[20]
married: Andrew B. Peters[21]. born: 29 Jan. 1764 - Hebron, Conn.; died: 10 Aug. 1851; Place of Residence: Bradford, Vt.[22]

(500) 7. Child [Name Unknown], born: 29 Nov. 1769; died at birth.[23]

2nd marriage: Grace Ford[24], born: about 1747; died: 15 Oct. 1829.[25]

CHILDREN:

(501) 8. Tamar (Bliss) Peters, born: 14 Nov. 1771; married: 21 Aug. 1791; died: 11 May 1792.
married: Henry More Peters, Place of Residence: Sydney, Cape Breton.

(502) 9. Rachel (Bliss) Palmer, born: 22 Mar. 1773; died: 23 Jan. 1805; Place of Residence: Vermont - arrived about 1800.[26]
married: Stephen Palmer Jr.[27]

(503) 10. Anna Bliss, born: 10 Oct. 1774; died: 22 Oct. 1776.[28]

(504) 11. BENJAMIN BLISS, born: 11 July 1776[29] - Hebron, Conn.[30]; died: 24 July 1858[31] - Hebron, Conn.
1st marriage: Lydia Strong
2nd marriage: Sally Bliss Phelps
3rd marriage: ———
4th marriage: Lydia Davis[32]

(505) 12. ISAAC BLISS, born: 20 Apr. 1778[33] - Hebron, Conn.[34]; died: 11 June 1852[35] - Memphis, Tenn.
married: Hannah Brown[36]

(506) 13. Anna (Bliss) Palmer, born: 1 Aug. 1779; married: about 1805; died: 19 Apr. 1811.
married: Stephen Palmer Jr.

(507) 14. Elizabeth (Bliss) Talcott, born: 17 Mar. 1782; married: 1 Mar. 1803; died: 15 Jan. 1848.[37]
married: Elizur Talcott[38], born: 1 Feb. 1780; died: 27 Jan. 1867; Place of Residence: Owego, N. Y.

(508) 15. Hannah (Bliss) Jones, born: 6 June 1784; married: 26 Dec. 1804; died: 22 May 1834.
married: Erastus Jones, born: 7 Jan. 1778; died: 9 Jan. 1869; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.

(509) 16. John Flavel Bliss, born: 8 June[39] 1787[40] - Hebron, Conn.[41]; died: 11 Dec. 1873[42] - Churchville, N. Y.[43]
married: Ann[44] Eliza Hosmer[45] -- SEE #606, GENERATION "f".

(510) 17. Child [Name Unknown], born: 10 May 1792; died: at birth.[46]

[1]*Bliss Family*. pp. 47, 67. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2]*Ibid.*, p. 67. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 11, 13, 18, 22, 26, 28, 37, 39, 46.

[4]*Ibid.* Ellis inherited his father's 150 acre farm. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]*Ibid.*, pp. 67, 118.

[7]*Ibid.*, p. 118. Same citation for footnote: 9.

[8]*Ibid.*, pp. 67, 119. Same citation for footnotes: 14, 16, 29, 31.

[10]*Ibid.*, p. 119. Same citation for footnotes: 15, 17, 30, 32.

[12]*Ibid.*, p. 67. John fell from a bridge that was being constructed over Wait's River. He was killed by the fall or was drowned. *(Ibid.)*.

[19]*Ibid.* Flavel drowned from the [Continental frigate] "Trumbull". He was guarding British prisoners of war. *(Ibid.)*.

[20]*Ibid.* John Homer Bliss described Lydia as, " ... a very handsome, amiable, and accomplished lady." *(Ibid.)*.

[21]*Ibid.* Andrew was the son of Col. John and Ann (Barnett) Peters of Hebron, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[23]*Ibid.* Tamar and this child died in child birth. *(Ibid.)*.

[24]*Ibid.* Grace was the daughter of [Deacon] Isaac Ford of Hebron, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[25]*Ibid.* Grace died at the age of 82 [1829 - 82 = 1747]. *(Ibid.)*.

[27]*Ibid.* After Rachel's death, Stephen married her younger sister, Anna [see below]. *(Ibid.)*.

[33]*Ibid.*, pp 67, 120. Same citation for footnote: 35.

[34]*Ibid.*, p. 120. Same citation for footnote: 36.

[38]*Ibid.*, p. 67. Elizur was the son of Elizur and Dorothy (Lord) Talcott of Glastenbury, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[40]*Ibid.*, 67, 121. Same citation for footnote: 42.

[41] *Ibid.*, p. 121. Same citation for footnote: 43.
[44] *Pioneer Families*. p. 24.
[45] *Ibid.; Bliss Family*. p. 121. -- John Homer Bliss gave Flavel Bliss' wife as, Eliza Hosmer, "daughter of Hon. Timothy and Elizabeth Hosmer, of Avon [N. Y.]". (*Bliss Family*. p. 121).

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237. NEZIAH BLISS [DR.]

[Hannah (Post) Bliss[d], Hannah (Hosmer) Post[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 21 Mar. 1737[1] - Hebron, Conn.[2]; married: 6 Mar. 1766[3]; died: 31 Aug. 1787[4]; Public Offices: Justice of the Peace - Hebron, Conn.[5]; Member - Colonial Legislature of Connecticut, 14 terms; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.[6]

married: Martha Huntington[7], died: 27 Apr. 1836.[8]

CHILDREN:

(511) 1. SAMUEL BLISS, born: 22 Dec. 1766; died: 1846.[9]
married: Annie Taylor[10]

(512) 2. Amelia Bliss, born: 13 July 1768; died: 1820.

(513) 3. SARAH (BLISS) PHELPS, born: 18 Mar. 1771; died: June 1846.
married: Daniel Phelps

(514) 4. Hannah Bliss, born: 11 Feb. 1773; died: 7 June 1775.

(515) 5. Hannah (Bliss) Phelps, born: 29 Aug. 1775; died: 19 Feb. 1811.[11]
married: William Phelps, born: about 1768; died: 15 Jan. 1842[12]; Place of Residence: Hebron, Conn.

(516) 6. PHILOXENA (BLISS) LYMAN, born: 1 June 1777; died: 22 Nov. 1856.
married: David R. Lyman

(517) 7. LOIS (BLISS) WILLIAMS, born: 8 Apr. 1782; died: about 1825 - New Milford, Conn.
married: Jehiel Williams[13]

[1] *Bliss Family*. pp. 47, 67.
[2] Letter, Peter Hill to Ronald Roberts, Nov. 5, 1981.
[3] *Bliss Family*. p. 68. Same citation for footnotes: 8, 11, 13.
[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 47, 68. -- The *Connecticut Courant* contained the following obituary: " ' On the 31st of August last, departed

this life, Neziah Bliss, Esq., of Hebron, in the fifty-first year of his age. His extraordinary usefulness and universal benevolence have long rendered him precious to all his acquaintance, and especially to the town where he lived, and which he faithfully served in various offices [Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk &c.,] more than twenty years. His sorrowing widow and seven children are but a small number of those who most sincerely lament his loss. In him was found the kind and loving husband, the affectionate and indulgent parent, and the true and faithful friend. Lovely in life submissive in death. ' " (Obituary - Neziah Bliss. *Connecticut Courant*. Hartford, Conn. Sept. 3, 1787 in *Bliss Family*. p. 68).

[5]See above. Dr. Neziah Bliss graduated from Yale College in 1760. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]*Ibid.*, p. 67. Dr. Neziah Bliss was the founder of the Connecticut school system. John Homer Bliss wrote: "To him [Dr. Neziah Bliss] the American people owe more than suggestion of their common school system; he was its founder in the State of Connecticut where it was first adopted, and where he procured such legislation in its aid as nursed it through it incipient stages" *(Ibid.)*.

[7]*Ibid.*, p. 68. Neziah married, "widow Martha [Huntington] Shipman". *(Ibid.)*.

[9]*Ibid.*, pp. 68, 122.

[10]*Ibid.*, p. 122.

[12]*Ibid.*, p. 68. William died at age 74 [1842 - 74 = 1768]. *(Ibid.)*.

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239. OLIVER POST [DEACON]

[Gideon Post (Deacon)[d], Hannah (Hosmer) Post[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1746; married: 1776; died: 1817; Military Service: American Revolution; Place of Residence: Bolton, Conn.; Westhampton, Conn.; Hinesburg, Vt.[1]

married: Experience Submit Hoyt[2], born: 1754; died: 1846.

CHILD:

(518) 1. OLIVER POST [JR.], born: 1784; died: 1871. married: Clarissa Fobes[3]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 110. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[3]*Ibid.* Experience was the daughter of Stephen Hoyt. *(Ibid.)*.

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240. SUSANNAH (HOSMER) KELLOGG/JACOBS

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 May 1737; 1st marriage: 1775; 2nd marriage: 25 Apr. 1799[1]; died: 8 Mar. 1812.[2]

1st marriage: Joel Kellogg[3], born: 12 Oct. 1733 - West Hartford, Conn.[4]; baptized: 14 Oct. 1733 - West Hartford, Conn.[5]; died: 11 Oct. 1787 - Sheffield, Conn.; Occupation: Weaver; Military Service: Private - Berkshire County, Mass. Militia; Places of Residence: Monterey, Mass.[6]; Sheffield, Mass.[7]

CHILDREN:

(519) 1. Deborah Kellogg, born: 7 Nov. 1757[8] - Tyringham, [Monterey], Mass.

(520) 2. Cynthia Kellogg, born: 27 Mar. 1759 - Tyringham, [Monterey], Mass.

(521) 3. JOEL KELLOGG [JR.], born: 10 Nov. 1760 - Tyringham [Monterey], Mass.
1st marriage: Desire Olds
2nd marriage: Mary Brown

(522) 4. Susannah (Kellogg) Page/Towner, born: 10 Apr. 1762 - Tyringham [Monterey], Mass.
1st marriage: Levi Page
2nd marriage: Ephraim Towner

(523) 5. Welthea (Kellogg) Hubbard, born: 28 Nov. 1763 - Tyringham [Monterey], Mass.; married: 30 Oct. 1791.
married: ——— Hubbard, Place of Residence: Wintonbury, [Conn.].

(524) 6. Ann Kellogg, born: 23 Nov. 1765 - Tyringham [Monterey], Mass.

(525) 7. Lucy Kellogg, born: 8 May 1767 - Tyringham [Monterey], Mass.

(526) 8. Candace Kellogg, born: 25 Feb. 1769 - Tyringham [Monterey], Mass.

(527) 9. LYDIA (KELLOGG) WINSLOW/BLOOD, born: 17 Mar. 1771.
1st marriage: Stephen Winslow
2nd marriage: Amos Blood

(528) 10. THOMAS HOSMER KELLOGG, born: 29 May 1773.
1st marriage: Mary Bushnell
2nd marriage: Eunice Buell

(529) 11. WILLIAM KELLOGG, born: 21 Dec. 1775.
married: Ann Elizabeth Shelhearse

(530) 12. ANNA (KELLOGG) TOWNER, born: 16 July 1778.

married: Ephraim Towner

(531) 13. SIMEON KELLOGG, born: 30 Oct. 1781.
married: Phebe Kingsley[9]

2nd marriage: Richard Jacobs, died: 14 Jan. 1809; Occupation: Farmer; Public Office: Member - Committee of Safety.[10]

[1]*Descendants of Governor Bradford.* p. 288. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6, 10.
[2]*Ibid.* -- Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw gave Susannah's date of birth as, 3 Mar. 1812. (Letter, Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).
[3]*Ibid.* Joel was the son of Daniel and Deborah (Moore) Kellogg. *(Ibid.).*
[5]*West Hartford Church Records.* p. 11.
[7]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* p. 8.
[8]*Descendants of Governor Bradford.* p. 288; *The Kelloggs.* I. p. 121.
[9]*The Kelloggs.* I. p. 121.

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241. THOMAS HOSMER

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1 Apr. 1739[1]; baptized: 1 Apr. 1739 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; died: 5 May 1835.

1st marriage: Elizabeth Kellogg, died: 21 June 1773.

CHILDREN:

(532) 1. Elizabeth Hosmer, born: 22 Nov. 1765; died: 6 Dec. 1837.[3]

(533) 2. THOMAS HOSMER, born: 12 Oct. 1767[4] - Winchester Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[5]; died: 26 Nov. 1827.
married: Mary Maltby[6]

(534) 3. Tryphena Hosmer, born: 13 Dec. 1769[7] - Winchester Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[8] died: 26 Dec. 1824.[9]

2nd marriage: Hannah[10] Everett, born: 1 Jan. 1751; died: 3 Aug. 1826.

CHILDREN:

(535) 4. Weltha (Hosmer) Beckley, born: 27 Apr. 1774[11] -

Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.; married: 27 Apr. 1796 - Canaan, Litchfield County, Conn.[12]; died: 6 June 1861.[13]
married: Billa Beckley[14]

(536) 5. Hannah Hosmer, born: 27 June 1782[15] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[16]; died: 17 Feb. 1840.[17]

(537) 6. Sherman Hosmer, born: 20 Sept. 1786[18] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[19]; Place of Residence: Mexico, Oswego County, N. Y. - 1820[20], 1830.[21]

(538) 7. Amelia Everett Hosmer, born: 23 Jan. 1793[22] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[23]; died: 19 Apr. 1869.[24]

[1]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 5]. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 9, 13, 17, 24.

[2]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 15.

[4]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [pp. 5, 6]; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332.

[5]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332. Same citation for footnotes: 8, 12, 14.

[6]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [pp. 5, 6].

[7]*Ibid.*, [p. 5]; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332. Same citation [both sources] for footnote: 10.

[11]*Ibid.* -- The Computer File Index gave Weltha's date of birth as, 27 Apr. 1778. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332).

[15]*Ibid.*; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330.

[16]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330.

[18]*Ibid.*, p. 6,331; Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 5].

[19]*Ibid.*

[20]1820 U. S. Federal Census. Mexico, Oswego County, New York State. Listing Shearman Hosmer. p. 33 in *New York 1820 Census Index*. Editor: Ronald Vern Jackson. Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc., 1977. p. 235. Hereinafter cited as, *Index - 1820 Census, New York State*. This source gave his name as, "Shearman Hosmer". *(Ibid.)*. See footnote 21.

[21]1830 U. S. Federal Census. Mexico, Oswego County, New York State. Listing Sherman Hosmer. p. 251 in *New York 1830 Census Index*. Editors: Ronald Vern Jackson, Gary Ronald Teeples. Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc., 1977. p. 399. Hereinafter cited as, *Index - 1830 Census, New York State*. This source listed him as, "Sherman Hosmer". *(Ibid.)*. Obviously, the "Shearman" Hosmer of 1820 and the "Sherman" Hosmer" of 1830 were one and the same person.

[22]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 5]. -- The Computer File Index gave her date of birth as, 23 Jan. 1795. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,328).

[23]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug.

1978. p. 6,328.

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243. ELDAD HOSMER

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 22 Apr. 1743[1]; baptized: 24 Apr. 1743 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; died: 22 Sept. 1820[3]; Places of Residence: West Hartford, Conn.[4]; Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, N. Y.[5]

married: Thankful Seymour[6]

CHILDREN:

(539) 1. Child [Name Unknown], born: 2 Mar. 1771; died: 4 Mar. 1771.[7]

(540) 2. Cynthia (Hosmer) Gilbert, baptized: 19 Apr. 1772 - West Hartford, Conn.[8]; married: 17 Mar. 1796 - West Hartford, Conn.
married: Isaiah Gilbert[9]

(541) 3. Eldad Hosmer, baptized: 23 Jan. 1774 - West Hartford, Conn.[10]; died: 9 Mar. 1777.[11]

(542) 4. Sally Hosmer, baptized: 27 Dec. 1776 - West Hartford, Conn.[12]

(543) 5. Sally Hosmer, baptized: 21 Sept. 1778 - West Hartford, Conn.[13]

(544) 6. Susannah Hosmer, baptized: 24 Mar. 1781 - West Hartford, Conn.[14]

(545) 7. Child [Name Unknown], stillborn: 26 Mar. 1785 - West Hartford, Conn.[15]

(546) 8. Eldad Hosmer, baptized: 8 Apr. 1787 - West Hartford, Conn.[16]

(547) 9. Aurelia Hosmer, baptized: 21 Feb. 1790 - West Hartford, Conn.[17]

[1]Letter, Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 6.

[2]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 18.

[4]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329. This is based on the fact that his children were baptized in West Hartford, Conn.

[5]1790 U. S. Federal Census. Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, New York State. Listing Eldad Hosmer. p. 103. According to this census, there were 7 persons in Eldad's household in 1790 [1 free male, 16 years and over; 1 free male under 16 years; and, 5 free females]. *(Ibid.)*.

[7]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 131. The child died of

convulsive fits. *(Ibid.)*.

[8] *Ibid.*, p. 43; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6, 329.

[9] *Ibid.*, p. 160.

[10] *Ibid.*, p. 45; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329.

[11] *Ibid.*, p. 136. Eldad drowned. *(Ibid.)*.

[12] *Ibid.*, p. 48; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[13] *Ibid.*, p. 50; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[14] *Ibid.*, p. 52. -- A "Susanna Hosmer" of Hartford, Conn. married an Abram Hurlbut [also of Hartford] in West Hartford, Conn. on Feb. 17, 1805 (*Ibid.*, p. 163). It is unclear whether Susannah Hosmer and Susanna (Hosmer) Hurlbut were one and the same person.

[15] Death records for West Hartford Congregational Church found in loose papers in church file at the Connecticut Historical Society.

[16] West Hartford Church Records. p. 56; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329.

[17] *Ibid.*, p. 58; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329.

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244. RUTH (HOSMER) KELLOGG

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 20 Sept. 1744[1]; baptized: 4 Aug. 1745 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 22 Oct. 1765 - West Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 25 Jan. 1818[4]; buried: Sheffield, Mass.[5]

married: Ephraim Kellogg[6], born: 5 Oct. 1740 - Sheffield, Mass.; died: 11 Feb. 1819 - Sheffield, Mass.; buried: Sheffield, Mass.; Occupation: Farmer[7]; Military Service: American Revolutionary War - Col. John Ashley's regiment, Berkshire Co., Mass.[8]; Public Office: Selectman - Sheffield, Mass., 1776-1792; Place of Residence: Sheffield, Mass.[9]

CHILDREN:

(548) 1. Vina [Vienna] (Kellogg) Dibble, born: 11 Feb. 1767 - Sheffield, Mass.[10]; died: 1838; Place of Residence: Bergen, N. Y.[11]
married: Sineus Dibble[12]

(549) 2. Esther (Kellogg) Porter, born: 29 Oct. 1768 - Sheffield, Mass.[13]; married: 24 Oct. 1790[14];

died: 1827 - Paris, N. Y.[15]; Place of Residence: Paris, N. Y.[16]
married: Oliver Porter[17]

(550) 3. HOSMER KELLOGG, born: 25 Aug. 1770 - Sheffield, Mass.[18]; died: 12 Feb. 1836.[19]
married: Amy Cowles[20]

(551) 4. Sarah (Kellogg) Bill, born: 23 July 1773 - Sheffield, Mass.[21]; Place of Residence: Sheffield, Mass.[22]
married: Hosea Bill[23]

(552) 5. Polly Kellogg, born: 10 Aug. 1775 - Sheffield, Mass.; died: 8 Aug. 1778.

(553) 6. EPHRAIM KELLOGG [JR.], born: 19 Nov. 1776 - Sheffield, Mass.[24]; died: 1844.[25]
married: Jane Ashley[26]

(554) 7. Mary [Polly] (Kellogg) Fellows, born: 20 Jan. 1779 - Sheffield, Mass.[27]
married: Edmund B. Fellows, Place of Residence: Westport, N. Y.[28]

(555) 8. ELISHA KELLOGG, born: 19 Aug. 1781 - Sheffield, Mass.[29]; died: 1857 - Sheffield, Mass.[30]
married: Jane Saxton[31]

(556) 9. Urania (Kellogg) Bacon, born: 19 Nov. 1783 - Sheffield, Mass.[32]; Place of Residence: Dundee, Mich.[33]
married: Amos Bacon[34]

(557) 10. DONNE [DONNY] KELLOGG, born: 2 Jan. 1787 - Sheffield, Mass.[35]
married: Aurora Curtis[36]

[1]*The Kelloggs*. I. 1903. p. 127; *Descendants of Governor Bradford*. 1951. p. 78.

[2]West Hartford Church Records. p. 20. Note: Several genealogies have confused the date of birth and baptism.

[3]*Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book II. p. 76; *The Kelloggs*. I. 1903. p. 127; West Hartford Church Records. p. 90.

[4]*The Kelloggs*. I. 1903. p. 127; Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Ruth's year of death as, "1818". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 677).

[5]*Ibid*. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 12, 14, 16, 20, 26, 36.

[6]*Ibid.*; D. O. Kellogg. "Genealogical Items of the Kellogg Family". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIV (Apr., 1860), 127, 128. -- Ephraim was the eldest son of [Deacon] Silas and Ruth (Root) Kellogg. (*The Kelloggs*. I. 1903. p. 72; *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIV (Apr., 1860), pp. 127, 128; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 677).

[7]*Ibid*. -- Ruth Gardiner Hall gave Ephraim's date of birth as, 20 Sept. 1740. (*Descendants of Governor Bradford*.1951. p. 289).

[8]*Descendants of Governor Bradford.* p. 289. Ephraim was a private. *(Ibid.).* -- The Kellogg genealogy also noted that Ephraim served in the American Revolution. According to this source, Ephraim left home for the army at about the time of Burgoyne's surrender. His departure was particularly hard on his family, as it came about the time of harvest. Despite a large crop, his family was scarsely able to harvest enough [due to a shortage of help] to keep them through the winter. (*The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127).

[10]*The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127; *Descendants of Governor Bradford.* 1951. p. 289. Same citation [both sources] for footnotes: 13, 18, 21, 24, 27, 32, 35.

[11]D. O. Kellogg. "Genealogical Items of the Kellogg Family". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIV (Apr., 1860), 127, 128. Same citation for footnotes: 15, 19, 25, 33.

[17]*The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127; D. O. Kellogg. "Genealogical Items of the Kellogg Family". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIV (Apr., 1860), 127, 128. -- Oliver and Esther had no children. (*The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127).

[22]D. O. Kellogg. "Genealogical Items of the Kellogg Family". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIV (Apr., 1860), 128. Same citation for footnote: 30.

[23]*The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127. -- D. O. Kellogg gave his name as, "Hosea Bills". (D. O. Kellogg. "Genealogical Items of the Kellogg Family". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIV (Apr., 1860), 128).

[28]*The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127. -- D. O. Kellogg gave his name simply as, "Edmund Fellows". (D. O. Kellogg. "Genealogical Items of the Kellogg Family". *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIV (Apr., 1860), 128.

[29]*Ibid.* -- Ruth Gardiner Hall gave Elisha's date of birth as, 20 Aug. 1781. (*Descendants of Governor Bradford.* 1951. p. 289).

[31]D. O. Kellogg. "Genealogical Items of the Kellogg Family." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIV (Apr., 1860), 128; *The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127.

[34]*Ibid.; The Kelloggs.* I. 1903. p. 127.

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245. DANIEL HOSMER

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1749 [1747][1]; baptized: 9 Aug. 1747 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 9 June 1774 - West Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 29 Apr. 1800 - West Hartford, Conn.[4]; Places of Residence: Hartford, Conn., 1774-1788[5]; Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, N. Y. - 1790[6]; Kingsboro, N. Y.[7]

married: Mary Belding, Place of Residence: Hartford, Conn.[8]

CHILDREN:

(558) 1. DANIEL HOSMER [Jr.], baptized: 4 Aug. 1776 - West Hartford, Conn.[9]
married: Melatiah (——)[10]

(559) 2. Polly Hosmer, baptized: 15 Sept. 1776 - West Hartford, Conn.[11]

(560) 3. JONATHAN HOSMER, baptized: 21 Mar. 1779 - West Hartford, Conn.[12]
married: Miriam (——)[13]

(561) 4. Elisha Hosmer, baptized: 15 May 1781 - West Hartford, Conn.[14]; died: 17 Sept. 1786.[15]

(562) 5. Jerusha Hosmer, baptized: 17 July 1785 - West Hartford, Conn.[16]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 7. James B. Hosmer may have erred in giving Daniel's year of birth as, 1749. See next footnote.

[2]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 21. This source, contained the following entry:

[1747]

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Augst 9th Daniel, Son of Thomas Hosmer was baptised.

[3]*Ibid.*, p. 94. This source contained the following entry:

[1774]

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June 9 Then Daniel Hosmer. Son of Thomas Hosmer Esq[.] was]
married to Mary, daughter of John Belding, both]
of Hartford.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 7. Same citation for footnote: 7.

[5]"Chimney Carving Tells a Story". *Hartford Times* (Hartford, Conn.). West Hartford News. Thursday, Apr. 20, 1967. This article traced the history of Daniel Hosmer's house. It was based on research done by Miss Elizabeth Hatheway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Hatheway. The following excerpt comes from this 1967 article:

> An Indian bar keeps shut the front door of the old white house at 253 North Main St. The residents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Hatheway, prefer to keep it authentic, and use a back entrance.
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> When they restored the house three years ago [1964], the Hatheways found the date of its erection, 1774, etched in the big central chim-

ney.

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The land was deeded by Thomas Hosmer to his son Daniel in 1774, the year in which Daniel married Mary Belding, and the couple built and lived in the house for 14 years.

Daniel Hosmer sold the house and surrounding land in 1788 to Nathan Haynes Whiting, who had inherited neighboring land, for 224 pounds. Nathan Whiting died young, in 1801, and his estate sold the house again in 1803, this time for 300 pounds, to James Butler, the son of Gideon Butler, Jr., another neighbor.

Regarding the condition of the house in 1967, the article continues:

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Additions through the years had disguised the original lines and covered up many interesting features. In an effort to save heat, the fireplace had been covered with lath and plaster dutifully marked with the date, 1861). When this was removed, handsome paneling was uncovered.

The original double door had been cut up to serve as a cellar door, and a replacement had been installed with long narrow windows on either side. The Hatheways found the old cellar door beyond restoration.

(Ibid.). -- Apparently, Daniel and his family moved to New York State sometime between 1788 [the year he sold his Hartford home] and 1790 [the year of the First Census of the United States]. See following footnote.

[6]1790 U. S. Federal Census. Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, New York State.Listing Daniel Hosmer. p. 103. According to this census, there were 8 persons in Daniel's household in 1790 [2 free males, 16 years and over; 2 free males, under 16 years; and, 4 free females]. *(Ibid.)*. It is interesting to note that Daniel's older brother, Eldad, and his younger brother, Simeon, along with their families, also lived in Caughnawaga in 1790.

[8]See footnote 3.

[9]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 48. Same citation for footnote: 11.

[10]*Ibid.*, p. 192. This source reported the following:

[1813]

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[died] Oct. 1. Melatiah wife of Daniel Hosmer - (State of N.Y.)

(Ibid.). -- The Computer File Index reported that Thomas Goodman Hosmer was the son of Daniel and Mallitiah [note spelling]. (Computer File Index. State: New York. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 7,244).

[12] *West Hartford Church Records*. p. 50.
[13] Computer File Index. State: New York. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 7,244. This source listed three children of Jonathan and Miriam Hosmer. *(Ibid.)*.
[14] *West Hartford Church Records*. p. 52.
[15] *Ibid.*, p. 142. Elisha died of fever. *(Ibid.)*.
[16] *Ibid.*, p. 55.

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246. JERUSHA (HOSMER) FLOWERS

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 18 Oct. 1749[1]; married: 3 July 1776 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; died: 27 Apr. 1783.[3]

married: Gabriel Flowers[4], baptized: 25 Nov. 1750 - West Hartford, Conn.; died: 1822 - Perrysburg, N. Y.[5]

CHILD:

(563) 1. Asher Flowers, born: about 1779.[6]

[1] Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4].
[2] *Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book II. p. 78; *West Hartford Church Records*. p. 95.
[3] Letter, Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. -- The Family Listing gave the date of death as, May 1785. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4].
[4] *West Hartford Church Records*. p. 95; *Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book II. p. 78; *Descendants of Governor Bradford*. 1951. p. 289.
[5] *Descendants of Governor Bradford*. 1951. p. 289. After Jerusha's death, Gabriel married three more times: Lydia Sweet [2nd wife]; Lucretia Cotton [3rd wife - married 1791]; and, Diadema Beamon [4th wife - married 1810]. *(Ibid.)*.
[6] *Ibid.*

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248. SIMEON HOSMER

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A],

James Hosmer[B]]

born: 7 May 1754[1] - Hartford, Conn.[2]; baptized: 11 May 1755 - West Hartford, Conn.[3]; married: 4[4] Oct. 1782[5] - West Hartford, Conn.[6]; died: 9 Dec. 1831[7] - Elba, Genesee County, N. Y.[8]; buried: Daws Corners Cemetery; Military Service: American Revolution[9]; Places of Residence: Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, N. Y. - 1790[10]; Elba, Genesee County, N. Y. - 1820[11], 1830.[12]

married: Lucretia Steele[13], born: 13 Sept. 1753 - Hartford, Conn.[14]; baptized: 16 Sept. 1753 - West Hartford, Conn.[15]; died: 23 Mar. 1829 - Elba, N. Y.; buried: Daws Corners Cemetery.[16]

CHILDREN:

(564) 1. Child [Name Unknown], died: 8 Sept. 1783.[17]

(565) 2. SIMEON HOSMER [Jr.], born: about 1785[18]; baptized: 8 Apr. 1787 - West Hartford, Conn.[19]; died: 14 Sept. 1849.[20]
married: Achsah Walker[21]

(566) 3. Lucretia Hosmer, baptized: 8 Apr. 1787 - West Hartford, Conn.[22]

(567) 4. SAMUEL HOSMER, born: about 1788[23]; baptized: 28 Feb. 1790 - West Hartford, Conn.[24]; died: 28 Mar. 1845.
married: Mary (——)[25]

(568) 5. Elisha Hosmer, baptized: 2 Nov. 1794 - West Hartford, Conn.[26]

(569) 6. Cyrus Hosmer[27]

[1]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]. -- The *D.A.R. Lineage Book* also gave the year of birth as, 1754. ("Mrs. Hattie Hosmer Johnson". #60872. *D. A. R. Lineage Book*. LXI. [1907] 1922. p. 294. -- Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw gave the date of birth as, 7 May 1755. (Letter, Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).

[2]"Mrs. Hattie Hosmer Johnson". #60872. *D. A. R. Lineage Book*. LXI. [1907] 1922. p. 294. Same citation for footnote: 21.

[3]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 27. This source contained the following entry:

[1755]

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May 11th Simeon, Son of Thomas Hosmer was baptised.

(Ibid.).

[4]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331.

[5]*Ibid.* -- Church records did not give the day of marriage,

only the month and year:

[1782]

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Oct. Simion Hosmer & Lucretia Steal both of Hartford]

were married.

(*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 98).

[6]*Ibid.; West Hartford Church Records*. p. 98.

[7]*Saulsbury's Notes* [n. p.] -- The *D. A. R. Lineage Book* and Mrs. Wilma Hagelshaw also gave Simeon's year of death as, 1831. (Mrs. Hattie Hosmer Johnson". # 60872. *D. A. R. Lineage Book*. LXI. [1907] 1922. p. 294); (Letter, Wilma Hosmer Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974). -- The Family Listing gave the year of death as, 1832. (Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]).

[8]*Ibid.* -- The *D. A. R. Lineage Book* gave Simeon's place of death as, Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y. ("Mrs. Hattie Hosmer Johnson". # 60872. *D. A. R. Lineage Book*. LXI. [1907] 1922. p. 294).

[9]*Ibid.* -- Simeon enlisted 23 Mar. 1776 and was discharged 4 Dec. 1776. He was a soldier in a, "Regiment of Light Horse", under the command of Maj. Sheldon. This regiment participated in Gen. Washington's retreat, "across the Jersies". *(Ibid.)*.

[10]1790 U. S. Federal Census. Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, New York State. Listing Simeon Hosmer. p. 103. According to this source, there were 6 persons in Simeon's household in 1790 [3 free males, 16 years and over; 2 free males under 16 years; and, 1 free female]. *(Ibid.)*. -- The 1800 census reported that a Simeon Hosmer was living in Onondaga County, N. Y. (1800 U. S. Federal Census. Onondaga County, New York State. Listing Simeon Hosmer. p. 161). It is unclear whether this is the same Simeon Hosmer or another of the same name.

[11]1820 U. S. Federal Census. Elba, Genesee County, New York State. Listing Simeon Hosmer. p. 108 in *Index - 1820 Census, New York State*. p. 235.

[12]1830 U. S. Federal Census. Elba, Genesee County, New York State. Listing Simeon Hosmer. p. 387 in *Index - 1830 Census, New York State*. p. 339.

[13]See footnote 5; *Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book II. p. 80. This source gave her name as, "Lucretia Steel". *(Ibid.)*.

[14]*Saulsbury's Notes*. [n. p.]. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 20, 25.

[15]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 26. This source contained the following entry:

[1753]

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Sept[r] 16[th] Lucretia, Daughter of Sam[l] Steele was baptised.]

(Ibid.).

[17]*Ibid.*, p. 140. Child died of "Fits". *(Ibid.)*.

[18] *Saulsbury's Notes*. [n. p.]. Simeon Jr. was 64 years old at death [1849 - 64 = 1785]. *(Ibid.)*.

[19] *West Hartford Church Records*. p. 56. This source contained the following entry:

[1787]

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April 8... Simeon & Lucretia, son and daughter of Simeon Hosmer were baptised.

[22] See footnote 19.

[23] *Saulsbury's Notes*. [n. p.]. Samuel was 57 years old at death [1845 - 57 = 1788].

[24] *West Hartford Church Records*. p. 58. This source contained the following entry:

[1790]

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Feb. 28 Samuel, son of Simeon Hosmer was baptised.

(Ibid.).

[26] *Ibid.*, p. 61. This source contained the following entry:

[1794]

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Nov[r] 2 Elisha, Son of Simeon Hosmer was baptised.

(Ibid.).

[27] Letter, Hattie Adell (Clark) Hosmer to Mr. Hosmer [a grandson of Albert Edson Hosmer], Feb. 4, 1965. Photocopy of this letter sent by Ronald S. Hosmer.

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249. ASHBEL HOSMER [REV.]

[Thomas Hosmer Esq.[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 30 Apr. 1758[1] - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; baptized: 7 May 1758 - West Hartford, Conn.[3]; married: 2 Nov. 1783[4] - Canaan, Litchfield County, Conn.[5]; died: 2 Apr. 1812; Religion: Baptist; Occupation: Minister.[6]

married: Mary "Polly" Belden[7], Place of Residence: Riga, Genesee County, N. Y. - 1820.[8]

CHILDREN:

(570) 1. POLLY[9] BELDEN[10] (HOSMER) CROSS, born: 8 Aug. 1784[11] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[12]; died: 29 Dec. 1818 - Georgetown, N. Y.
married: Calvin Cross [Sr.][13]

(571) 2. ASHBEL ALFRED HOSMER, born: 9 Mar. 1786[14] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[15]; died: 30 Apr. 1864 - Riga, N. Y.
1st marriage: Anna Wood
2nd marriage: Mary Whitney[16]

(572) 3. Abigail (Hosmer) Kelsey, born: 10 Mar. 1788[17] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[18]; married: 9 Nov. 1809.
married: Silas Kelsey[19]

(573) 4. Lydia (Hosmer) Lumsdin, born: 24 Apr. 1790[20] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[21]; married: Jan. 1816.
married: David Lumsdin[22]

(574) 5. Jonathan Belden Hosmer, born: 4 Feb. 1792[23] - Canaan Township, Litchfield County, Conn.[24]; died: 21 July 1795.

(575) 6. Persis (Hosmer) Clark, born: 19 Sept. 1793; married: 25 Mar. 1817.
married: Levi Clark

(576) 7. Julia (Hosmer) Stoughton, born: 13 Nov. 1796.
married: Garrett Stoughton

(577) 8. BELDEN HOSMER, born: 23 Apr. 1799[25] - New York State[26]; Place of Residence: Pennsylvania - 1854.[27]
married: Ann Waterman[28]

(578) 9. Boy [Name Unknown], born: 19 Oct. 1802; died: 22 Oct. 1802.

(579) 10. HIRAM HOSMER, born: 17 May 1805; died: 6 Aug. 1882.
married: Lydia Emmons

(580) 11. Sophia Hosmer, born: 11 June 1809; died: 2 Feb. 1883.[29]

[1]Untitled Family Listing. Printed/Typed. [p. 4]; Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974.

[2]"Mrs. Emma Cross Runyon". #88982. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXXIX [1911] 1926. p. 309; "Mrs. Mabel Runyan Beebe". # 122636. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* CXXIII [1916] 1931. p. 192.

[3]*West Hartford Church Records.* p. 30.

[4]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329; Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. -- Ashbel Hosmer was ordained, 3 Oct. 1792 - Baptist Church, Wallingford, Conn. *(Ibid.).* -- Ashbel was a corporal in the Connecticut Line in the Revolutionary War. (*D. A. R. Patriot Index.* p. 345). -- Ashbel served under Capt. Samuel Granger. He was pensioned in 1797 due to an injury he sustained while in military service in 1781. ("Mrs. Alice C. Tripp Davis". #73396. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXIV [1909] 1924. p. 150); ("Mrs. Emma Cross Runyon. #88982. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.*

LXXXIX [1911] 1926. p. 309); ("Mrs. Mabel Runyan Beebe. #122636. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* CXXIII [1916] 1931. p. 192).

[5]*Ibid.*

[6]Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 16, 19, 22, 25, 29.

[7]*Ibid.* Mary's mother was Sarah [——]. *(Ibid.).* The Computer File Index gave two spellings for Ashbel's wife: "Polly Belden" and "Polly Belding. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,329). -- Two *D. A. R. Lineage Books* gave her name as, "Polly Belden". ("Mrs. Alice C. Tripp Davis". #73396. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXIV [1909] 1924. p. 149); ("Mrs. Emma Cross Runyon". #88982. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXXIX. [1911] 1926. p. 309). Note: Polly is a nickname for Mary. (The Author).

[8]1820 U. S. Federal Census. Riga, Genesee County, New York State. Listing Polly Hosmer. p. 251 in *Index - 1820 Census, New York State.* p. 235).

[9]Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974; "Mrs. Alice C. Tripp Davis". #73396. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXIV. [1909] 1924. p. 149; "Mrs. Emma Cross Runyon". #88982. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXXIX [1911] 1926. p. 309; "Mrs. Mabel Runyan Beebe. #122636. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* CXXIII [1916] 1931. p. 192. Same citation [all four sources] for footnotes: 13.

[10]"Mrs. Alice C. Tripp Davis. #73396. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXIV [1909] 1924. p. 149; "Mrs. Emma Cross Runyon". #88982. *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* LXXXIX [1911] 1926. p. 309; "Mrs. Mabel Runyan Beebe". *D. A. R. Lineage Book.* CXXIII [1916] 1931. p. 192.

[12]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331. Same citation for footnote: 18.

[14]*Ibid.*, p. 6,329; Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974.

[15]*Ibid.*

[17]Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. -- The Computer File Index gave her name as, "Nabby" [same date of birth as given by Mrs. Hagelshaw]. (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331). -- Since "Abigail" and "Nabby" had the same date of birth, it is reasonable to assume that they were one in the same person. "Nabby" was probably a nickname for Abigail. (The Author).

[20]*Ibid.;* Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330.

[21]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330. Same citation for footnote: 24.

[23]*Ibid.* -- Mrs. Hagelshaw gave Jonathan's date of birth as, 6 Feb. 1792. (Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974).

[26]Letter, Clark Hosmer to Ronald S. Hosmer, Sept. 9, 1978. For this information, Clark Hosmer relied on his cousin, Larry Hosmer. *(Ibid.).* Same citation for footnote: 28.

[27]Letter, Wilma (Hosmer) Hagelshaw to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 18, 1974. -- A Beldon Hosmer was listed in the 1830 census for Lockport, N. Y. (1830 U. S. Federal Census. Lockport, Niagara County, New York State. Listing Beldon Hosmer. p. 397 in *Index - 1830 Census, New York State.* p. 338).

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251. STEPHEN HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer (Capt.)[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 10 Jan. 1733/34[1]; baptized: 11 Jan. 1733 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 1758[3]; died: 16 Feb. 1758 - West Hartford, Conn.[4]

married: Elizabeth Gaylord[5]

CHILD:

(581) 1. Elizabeth Hosmer[6], baptized: 3 Sept. 1758.[7]

[1]*Records Town of Hartford, 1716 to 1721. No. 3.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXIII (Jan., 1869), 46.

[2]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 11.

[3]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. 1977. p. 701. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 7.

[4]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 125. Stephen was crushed by the fall of a tree. *(Ibid.)*. See listing on Capt. Stephen Hosmer, # 128, generation "d", footnote 16.

[6]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 9; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. 1977. p. 701.

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252. MARRIANNE (HOSMER) STEELE/GARNRYCK

[Stephen Hosmer (Capt.)[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 2 Feb. 1734/35 - Hartford, Conn.[1]; baptized: 2 Feb. 1735 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 1760[3] - Windsor, Hartford County, Conn.[4]

1st marriage: Theophilus Steele[5], baptized: 31 May 1730 - West Hartford, Conn.[6]; died: 10 July 1775.

CHILDREN:

(582) 1. Theophilus Steele [Jr.], baptized: 20 Dec. 1761[7]; died: 10 Mar. 1779.[8]

(583) 2. Child [Name Unknown]

(584) 3. Child [Name Unknown]

(585) 4. Child [Name Unknown]
(586) 5. Child [Name Unknown]

2nd marriage: Zachariah Garnryck[9]

[1]*Records Town of Hartford, 1716 to 1721. No. 3.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XXIII (Jan., 1869), 46. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of her Christian name as, "Miriam". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 9). -- Ruth Gardiner also gave her Christian name as, "Miriam". (*Descendants of Governor Bradford.* p. 84).
[2]*West Hartford Church Records.* p. 12.
[3]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* 1977. p. 701; *Descendants of Governor Bradford.* 1951. p. 84.
[4]*Ibid.*
[5]*Ibid.;* Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* 1977. p. 701; *Genealogical Record.* p. 5; *Descendants of Governor Bradford.* 1951. p. 84. -- James B. Hosmer gave the spelling of Theophilus' surname as, "Steel". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 9). -- Theophilus was the son of Eliphalet Steele (*West Hartford Church Records.* p. 9).
[6]*West Hartford Church Records.* p. 9.
[7]*Descendants of Governor Bradford.* 1951. p. 84.
[8]*Ibid.* Theophilus Jr. drowned. *(Ibid.).*
[9]*Ibid.*

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253. TITUS HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer (Capt.)[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1736 - West Hartford, Conn.[1]; baptized: 19 Dec. 1736 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 30 Nov. 1761[3] - Middletown, Conn.[4]; died: 4 Aug. 1780[5] - Middletown, Conn.; buried: Mortimer Cemetery[6]; Occupation: Preceptor, 1758-1760[7], Lawyer[8] - Middletown, Conn.[9]; Statesman; Places of Residence: West Hartford, Conn.; Middletown, Conn.[10]

married: Lydia Lord, born: 1737[11]; died: 29 Nov. 1798[12]; Place of Residence: Middletown, Middlesex County, Conn. - 1790.[13]

CHILDREN:

(587) 1. STEPHEN TITUS HOSMER, born: 10 Jan. 1763[14] - Middletown, Conn.[15]; died: 5 or 6 Aug. 1834.

married: Lucia Parsons

(588) 2. HEZEKIAH LORD HOSMER, born: 7 June 1765[16] - Middletown, Conn.[17]; died: 9 June 1814[18] - Hudson, N. Y.[19]
married: Susan Throop[20]

(589) 3. Lydia Hosmer, born: 1 Mar. 1767[21] - Middletown, Conn.[22]; died: Jan. 1813.

(590) 4. Sarah (Hosmer) Northey, born: 25 Mar. 1769[23] - Middletown, Conn.[24]; died: 1844.
married: Edward Northey

(591) 5. Elizabeth Lord Hosmer, born: 22 Dec. 1770[25] - Middletown, Conn.[26]; died: 21 Nov. 1812.

(592) 6. Richard Grove Hosmer, born: 12 Mar. 1773[27] - Middletown, Conn.[28]; died: 1793.

(593) 7. Harriet (Hosmer) Hillhouse, born: 23 Jan. 1776[29] - Middletown, Conn.[30]; died: 11 Oct. 1811.
married: Thomas Hillhouse, Place of Residence: Troy, [N. Y.][31]

[1] *Biographical Directory*. 1961. p. 1077. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 19.

[2] *West Hartford Church Records*. p. 13. Same citation for footnote: 5.

[3] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 10. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 14, 16, 18, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31.

[4] Charles M. Lyman. *Stephen Titus Hosmer* [pamphlet]. [p. 1]. Reprinted from, "Biographies of Connecticut Judges IV. Stephen Titus Hosmer". *Connecticut Bar Journal*. XX No. 2 (Apr., 1946), 129. Hereinafter cited as, *Biography - Stephen Titus Hosmer*.

[7] Love. *Colonial History of Hartford*. 1914. p. 272.

[8] *Connecticut Historical Collections*. p. 39. Same citation for footnote: 10.

[11] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 170.

[12] Franklin Bowditch Dexter. *Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College with Annals of the College History*. Vol. II, May 1745 - May 1763. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1896. p. 470.

[13] 1790 U. S. Federal Census. Middletown, Middlesex County, Connecticut. Listing Lydia Hosmer. p. 86. According to this census, there were 7 persons in Lydia's household in 1790 [1 free male, 16 years and over; 5 free females, and 1 slave]. *(Ibid.)*.

[15] Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332.

[17] *Ibid.*, p. 6,330. Same citation for footnote: 30.

[20] J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 11.

[21] Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331. -- James B. Hosmer gave Lydia's date of birth as, 7 Mar. 1767. (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 10).

[22] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 24, 28.

[26] *Ibid.*, p. 6,329.

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254. GEORGE HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer (Capt.)[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1739[1]; baptized: 4 Feb. 1739 - West Hartford, Conn.[2].

married: Ann Hosmer[3]

CHILDREN:

(594) 1. Mary Hosmer, baptized: 16 Mar. 1764 - West Hartford, Conn.[4]; died: 17 Mar. 1764 - West Hartford, Conn.[5]

(595) 2. Sylvester Hosmer, baptized: 24 Feb. 1765 - West Hartford, Conn.[6]

(596) 3. Ormond Hosmer, baptized: 5 Apr. 1767 - West Hartford, Conn.[7]

(597) 4. Prentice Hosmer[8]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 9.

[2]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 15; Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701.

[3]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*. p. 701. -- West Hartford Church Records did not give the name of George's wife. It only listed three of his children [Mary, Sylvester, and Ormond], referring to them as "daughter" or "son[s]" of George Hosmer. (*West Hartford Church Records*. pp. 35, 36, 38).

[4]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 35.

[5]*Ibid.*, p. 128. Mary died of convulsive fits. She was only 2 days old. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]*Ibid.*, p. 36.

[7]*Ibid.*, p. 38.

[8]Document. "Prentice Hosmer. Choice of Guardian". Apr. 4, 17[84?]. Justice of the Peace: Jonathan Bull, Esq. See a transcription of this document below.

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PRENTICE HOSMER. CHOICE OF GUARDIAN

Prentice Hosmer ſon of George Hosmer late of Hartford did appear before Jon Bull Justice [of the] peace and made Choice of

Gernick to be his Guardian [words illegible]

[signed]

Jonathan Bull Esq.

HARTFORD

A similar [and presumably subsequent] document on the guardianship of Prentice Hosmer also exists. That which follows is a transcription:

West Hartford Apr. 2d 1789

Dear Sir,

The Bearer [?] will Make Choice of a New Guardian ——— as He is going to a trade at the New City -ge his Uncle Gernick will take Char of him. Opon which I will Relinquish my Charge Mr. Gernick with my self will Come in the beginning of Next Week. I am Sir With Respect your Humble Sert

[*Signature illegible*]

SOURCE:

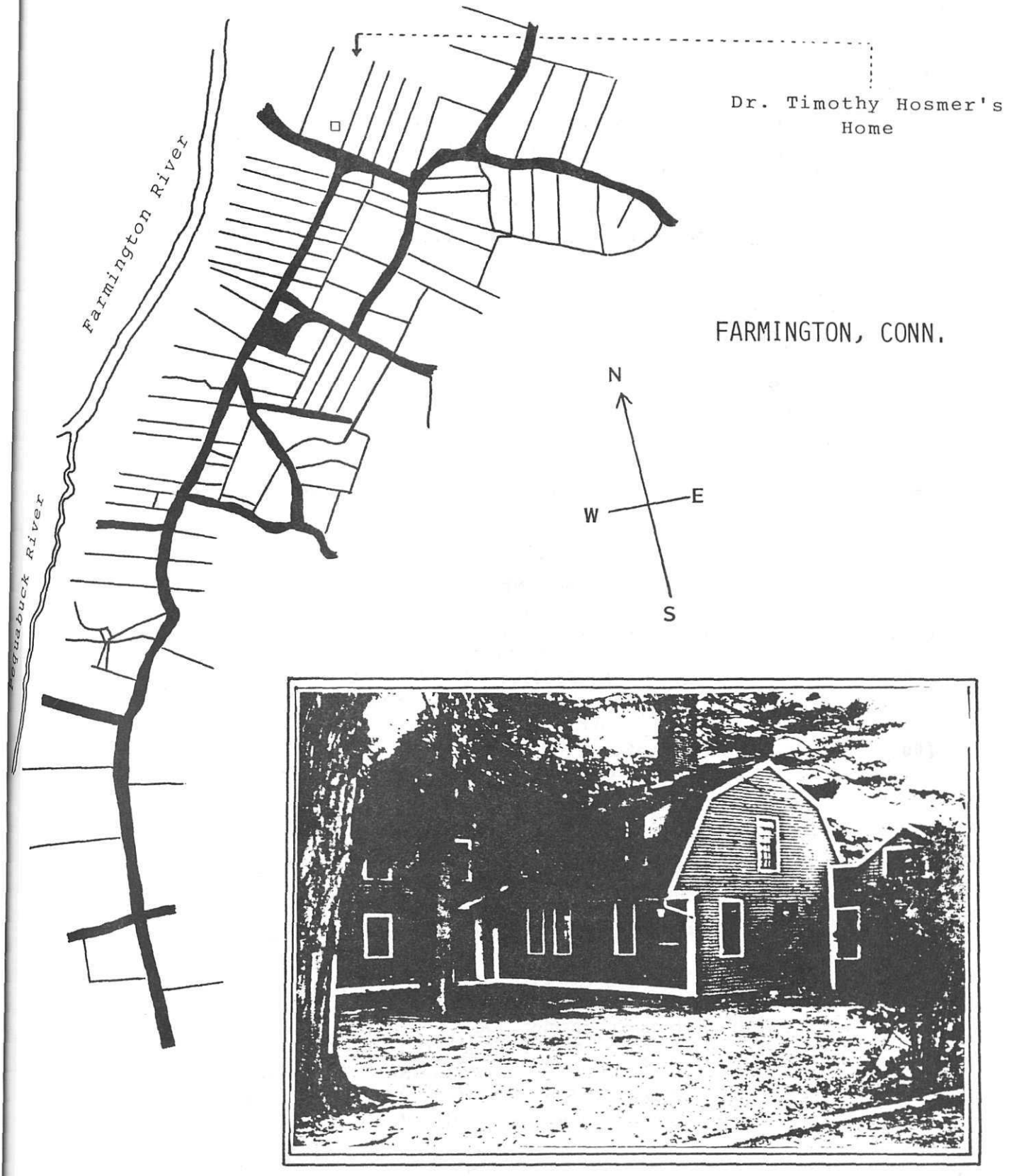
Photocopies of both documents were sent (Aug. 1, 1977) by Mrs. Patricia (Horr) Dowell, of Hatboro, Pennsylvania.

Note:

The Mr. Gernick referred to in both of these documents was, was probably, Zachariah Garnryck, second husband of Marrianne Hosmer [sister of George Hosmer]. Zachariah Garnryck would have been, therefore, Prentice Hosmer's uncle by marriage.

Note:

The poor quality of both photocopies, made transcription difficult.



HOME OF DR. TIMOTHY HOSMER

Originally painted red, this house is located on the corner of Hartford Road and College Highway.

This photograph was taken by Mr. Emerson M. Clark in 1975. The house is mustard color and, at present is the office of the Industrial Design Corporation.

257. TIMOTHY HOSMER [DR.]

[Stephen Hosmer (Capt.)[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: Sept. 1745[1] - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; baptized: 1 Sept. 1745 - West Hartford, Conn.[3]; married: 30 June 1771; died: 29 Nov. 1815 - Avon, N. Y.[4]; buried: Avon Cemetery[5]; Religion: Episcopal; Occupation: Physician, Judge[6]; Places of Residence: West Hartford, Conn.[7]; Farmington[8], Hartford County, Conn. - 1790[9]; Avon, N. Y. - 1792[10], 1800.[11]

married: Elizabeth Smith, born: 26 June 1749[12]; died: 6 Jan. 1825.[13]

CHILDREN:

(598) 1. Infant [Name Unknown], died: 13 Sept. 1771 - Farmington, Conn.[14]

(599) 2. FREDERICK HOSMER, born: 31 Oct. 1772 - Farmington, Conn.; died: Porter, N. Y.
1st marriage: Anna Street
2nd marriage: Sophia Fish

(600) 3. Algernon Sidney Hosmer, born: 23 Feb. 1775; died: 10 Mar. 1777.

(601) 4. ALGERNON SIDNEY HOSMER, born: 21 Mar. 1777; died: 2 June 1844 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin.[15]
married: _____[16]

(602) 5. WILLIAM T. HOSMER, born: 18 Aug. 1779 - Farmington, Conn.; died: Apr. 1869 - Vernon Township, Penn.
married: Amanda Pearson[17]

(603) 6. GEORGE HOSMER, born: 31 Aug. 1781[18] - Farmington, Conn.[19]; died: 20 Mar. 1861 - Chicago, Ill.[20]
married: Elizabeth Berry[21]

(604) 7. TIMOTHY HOSMER [JR.], born: 29 Nov. 1783 - Farmington, Conn.[22]; died: Apr. 1864 - Porter, N. Y.[23]
married: Isabella Brown[24]

(605) 8. Sylvester Hosmer, born: 26 Feb. 1786[25]; died: 4 Mar. 1854[26] - Caledonia, N. Y.[27]; buried: Avon, N. Y.[28]; Occupation: Innkeeper[29]; Places of Residence: Avon, N. Y.[30]; Caledonia, Genesee County, N. Y. - 1820[31], 1850.[32]
married: Laura (——), born: about 1793; died: 28 Feb. 1883; buried: Avon, N. Y.[33]

(606) 9. ANN ELIZA[34] (HOSMER) BLISS, born: 19 Apr. 1789[35] - Farmington, Conn.[36]; died: 26 Mar. 1878.[37]
married: John Flavel Bliss [Rev.][38]

(607) 10. ALBERT HOSMER, born: 12 May 1791 - Farmington, Conn.[39]; died: 3 Feb. 1875.[40]

married: Mary Ann Pearson[41]

[1]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 23. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 12, 15, 17, 21.

[2]J. H. Smith. *Livingston County*. 1881. p. 427.

[3]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 20. This source contained the following entry:

[1745]

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Sept^{r} 1st Timothy, Son of Stephen Hosmer was baptised]

(Ibid.).

[5]Information taken from a survey of marked graves prior to 1885 in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Mar. 13, 1974. -- See map of Avon Cemetery.

[6]J. H. Smith. *Livingston County*. 1881. pp. 427, 428, 429. -- See biography on Dr. Timothy Hosmer.

[7]Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. 1851. pp. 369, 370.

[8]*Ibid.*; 1790 U. S. Federal Census. Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut. Listing Timothy Hosmer. p. 41.

[9]1790 U. S. Federal Census. Farmington, Hartford County, Connecticut. Listing Timothy Hosmer. p. 41. According to this source, there were 11 persons in Timothy's household in 1790 [2 free males, 16 years and over; 5 free males, under 16 years; 3 free females; and, 1 slave]. *(Ibid.)*.

[10]Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. 1851. p. 370. Dr. Hosmer was in Avon, N. Y. in the summer of 1790. The following year, he brought his two oldest sons. It was not until 1792, however, that he established a permanent residence in Avon. In that year, he moved his entire family to Avon. *(Ibid.)*.

[11]1800 U. S. Federal Census. Avon, Ontario County, New York State. Listing Timothy Hosmer. p. 378 in *Index - 1800 Census, New York State*. p. 118.

[13]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 23. -- Cemetery records of Avon, N. Y. contained the following entry:

HOSMER, Elizabeth, d. 15 Feb. 1827, age 77 yrs.

(*Livingston County Cemetery Records*. 1945. p. 5). -- Lela Balcom Perry's Family Bible also gave the date of death as, 15 Feb. 1827. (Family Bible formally in the possession of Lela Balcom Perry. Transcribed by Mary Judith (Bates) Dade. Mrs. Mary Dade's transcription was forwarded by Mrs. Barbara (Bates) Dade [Mary's sister]. [Letter, Barbara (Bates) Dade to Ronald Roberts, Apr. 25, 1978]).

[14]"Church Records of Farmington, Conn.". Communicated by Julius Gay in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XL (Jan., 1886), 33. This source contained the following entry:

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(Ibid.).

[16] *Saulsbury's Notes*. [n. p.]

[18] *Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 23. -- Two sources gave the date of George Hosmer's birth as, 30 Aug. 1781. (Proctor. *The Bench and Bar*. 1870. p. 175); ("Titus Hosmer". *Appleton's Cyclopaedia*. III. p. 269).

[19] Proctor. *The Bench and Bar*. 1870. p. 175.

[20] *Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 23. -- *Appleton's Cyclopaedia* gave the date of George Hosmer's death as, 6 Mar. 1861. ("Titus Hosmer". *Appleton's Cyclopaedia*. III. p. 269).

[22] Visit to Hosmer Cemetery - Mildred (Hosmer) Maue, Eva Frances (Hosmer) Roberts/Mc Arthur, and Thelma (Roberts) Banks, Nov. 6, 1972. Note: Mildred (Hosmer) Maue referred to Hosmer Cemetery as, "Youngstown" Cemetery.

[23] *Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 24. Same citation for footnotes: 25, 27, 30, 39, 41.

[24] Letter, Clyde Maffin, Ontario County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Jan. 31, 1973.

[26] *Livingston County Cemetery Records*. 1945. p. 5. -- *Pioneer Families* also reported that Sylvester died in, "March, 1854". (*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 24).

[28] *Ibid.*

[29] Mitch Gerber. "The Past Is An Hour Away". *Buffalo Courier-Express* (Buffalo, N. Y.). Sunday Supplement. Oct. 8, 1978. pp. 26-33. Sylvester owned and operated "Hosmer's Inn", located on the Great Western Turnpike, between Avon and Caledonia. As early as 1803, weary travelers were enjoying the hospitality of this frontier inn. The structure, expanded in 1818, is still in existence, and is now part of the historic park, "Genesee Country Village", located near Mumford, N. Y. *(Ibid.)*.

[31] 1820 U. S. Federal Census. Caledonia, Genesee County, New York State. Listing Sylvester Hosmer. p. 101 in *Index - 1820 Census, New York State*. p. 235. -- Turner also reported that Sylvester Hosmer lived in Caledonia, N. Y. (Turner. *Phelps and Gorham*. 1851. p. 371).

[32] 1850 U. S. Federal Census. Caledonia, Livingston County, New York State. Listing Syvester Hosmer. p. 339 in *Index - 1850 Census, New York State*. Vol. I: A-K. p. 867. Note: Livingston County was created out of a portion of Genesee County.

[33] *Livingston County Cemetery Records*. 1945. p. 5. Laura was 90 years old at the time of her death. *(Ibid.)*. -- From her date of death, it would appear that she was born in or about the year 1793 [1883 - 90 = 1793]. (The Author).

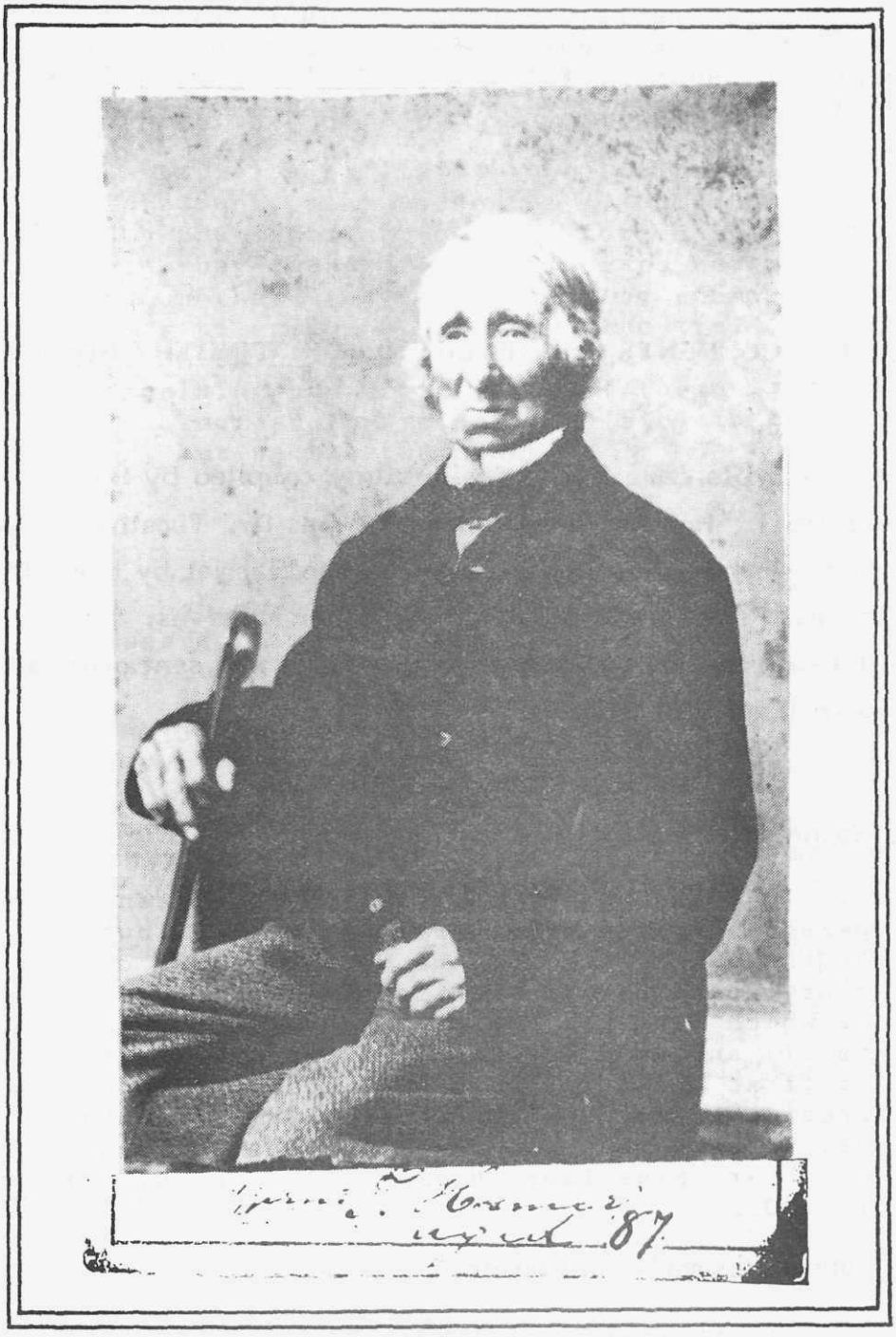
[34] *Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 24. -- Lela Balcom Perry's Family Bible gave her Christian and middle names as, Ann Elizabeth. (Family Bible formally in the possession of Lela Balcom Perry. Transcribed by Mary Judith (Bates) Dade).

[35] *Ibid.* -- John Homer Bliss also noted that "Eliza" was the daughter of "Hon. Timothy and Elizabeth Hosmer, of Avon", but he gave her date of birth as, 12 Apr. 1789. (*Bliss Genealogy*. 1881. p. 121). -- Lela Balcom Perry's Bible gave the date of birth as, 19 Apr. 1788. (Family Bible formally in the possession of Lela Balcom Perry. Transcribed by Mary Judith (Bates) Dade).

[36] *Bliss Genealogy*. 1881. p. 121; Family Bible formally in the possession of Lela Balcom Perry. Transcribed by Mary Judith (Bates) Dade

[37] Family Bible formally in the possession of Lela Balcom Perry.

WILLIAM T. HOSMER



1779 - 1869

Taken: about 1866 (age: 87)

Contributed by: Ruth Hosmer (Stafford) Clark,
of Simsbury, Connecticut

Transcribed by Mary Judith (Bates) Dade ...

[38] *Bliss Genealogy*. 1881. p. 121. -- John and Ann were third cousins [Hosmer line]. (The Author). See listing #509 [16th child of Ellis Bliss].

[40] Vital Statistics File - Niagara County Historian [Niagara County, N. Y.]. -- One source gave the year of death as, 1872. (Miss Harriet A. Hosmer. #45256. *D. A. R. Lineage Book*. XLVI [1903] 1918. p. 106.

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SELECTED COMMENTS ON THE LIFE OF DR. TIMOTHY HOSMER

The following excerpts came from a family study compiled by Harriet Amanda Hosmer (1862-1951). Her father's grandfather was Dr. Timothy Hosmer. It is believed that many of these stories were told to Harriet by her father who, in turn, had heard them from his father and other relatives. The remarks below were taken from this typed family record. It was sent originally to Grace Elizabeth (Emerson) Stafford in 1923.

1. George Washington and Dr. Timothy Hosmer:

> ... [Timothy Hosmer is] said to have been a personal friend of General George Washington. At [the] end of the war, he was honorably discharged and paid in continental money, some of which with his two millitary [sic] swards [sic], and gold beeds [sic] worn by his wife, at first Inaugural ball and reception given President George Washington at Philadelphia Pa. were in posession [sic] of their grand daughter, Miss Laura Hosmer of Lockport, N.Y. in 1903.

2. Mrs. Elizabeth Hosmer's gold beads:

> These beeds [sic] were made of English gold coins, taused [sic] by an English army officer to Elizabeth Brown [Smith] then an infant sleeping in her cradle, when her mother refused the money offered her in gratitude for good care and kindness given him when lying severely wounded in their home in 1741.

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3. Arrival in Avon Springs:

The winter must have been a mild one, and Dr. Timothy Hosmer's party all very healthy, sterdy [sic] brave New Englanders, not fearing hardships, beasts, nor Indians, to take such a hasardous [sic] journey through primeval forests, requiring one month, from February 1 to March, 1.

Arriving safely at Avon Springs Onterio [sic] County near Rochester [,] N.Y. they camped by the little brook then formed by the springs. There they found friendly Indians spreading blankets on the water, then wrapping them about themselves to cure the "Misoury" they told Dr. Hosmer. which he found to be rheumatism.
Recognizing the great value of these waters, Dr. Hosmer and party desided [sic] to go no further, but settle there.

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They were the first white settlers of Avon, N.Y. and soon more came, building simple comfortable houses forming a pretty village. Dr[.] Timothy later built the first brick house in the town.

4. Relations with the Indians:

From first settling there, Dr. Timothy Hosmer cured many Indians, and when they were hungry in winter gave them many a good meal of hot corn cakes backed [sic] by his devoted capable wife Elizabeth.
So they gained the true, devoted, lasting friendship of the Indians, and were never obliged to close their house nor lock their doors against them.
And it is said no one ever left their home hungry or in distress. for Dr. Hosmer and his wife were kind, generous, Christian people.

5. Dr. Hosmer's sense of humor:

He [Dr. Timothy Hosmer] had a fine scence [sic] of humor,
And once while making his usual Court circut [sic], entering the Tavern he found his customary seat at [the] head of [the] dining table occupied by a very facetious young man. so quietly took the vacant chair at his side.
A delicious beef stake [sic] was placed as usual on head of table to be carved by the Judge but in front of the young man, Who looking around the table smilingly said, "I suppose you all like

> pepper" and peppered the stake [sic] liburally [sic].
> Judge Hosmer disliked pepper, so drew from his pocket a silver box saying, "Doubtless you all like good old Scotch ["] and sprinkled the stake [sic] with snuff, later paying for the stake [sic].
> The young man hastily left the table, and asking at the office was told his next companion at [the] table was Judge Timothy Hosmer. and the young man left on [the] next stage coach.

SOURCE: Harriet Amanda Hosmer. *Hosmer Family Record* [?]. Typed manuscript. [n. d.]. Original sent to Mrs. Grace Elizabeth (Emerson) Stafford in 1923.

DR. TIMOTHY HOSMER AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

The following comes from a typed notice sent by Mrs. Ruth (Stafford) Clark. Its source is unknown to the author. The typed information was written beneath a picture entitled: "THE GATEWAY" [-] "Youngstown, N. Y."

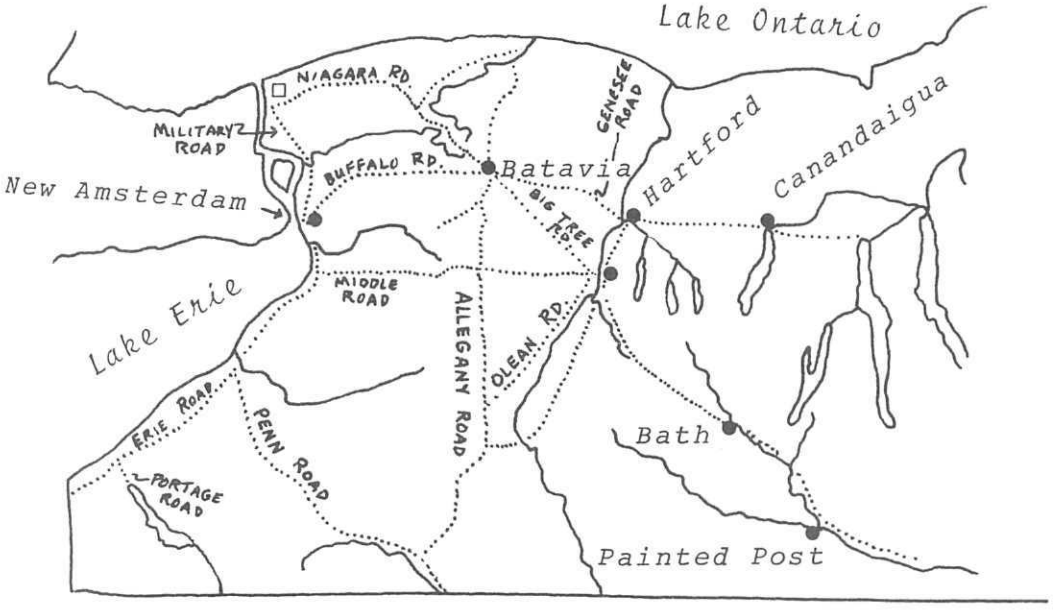
> ... Surgeon of 6 Comm. Regt. served through War of Rev. His diploma of membership in Society of Cinn. [= Cincinnati] signed by Washington as its President and Gen. Knox as Sec. is an eloquent attestation of his long term of service. His [Dr. Timothy Hosmer's] dress sword, a sharp blade enclosed in silver mounted black leathern sheath is now in possession of grandson in Meadville, Pa. on Dr. Hosmer devolved duty of laying finger on Andre's pulse pronouncing him dead to the officers of Court Martial.

The André affair was probably the most infamous act of collusion and espionage that occurred during the Revolutionary War. It centered on the activities of John André, Adjutant to British general Sir Henry Clinton. Acting in behalf of General Clinton, Major André met secretly with General Benedict Arnold on the night of Sept. 21, 1780 to finalize the surrender of West Point. Follow-

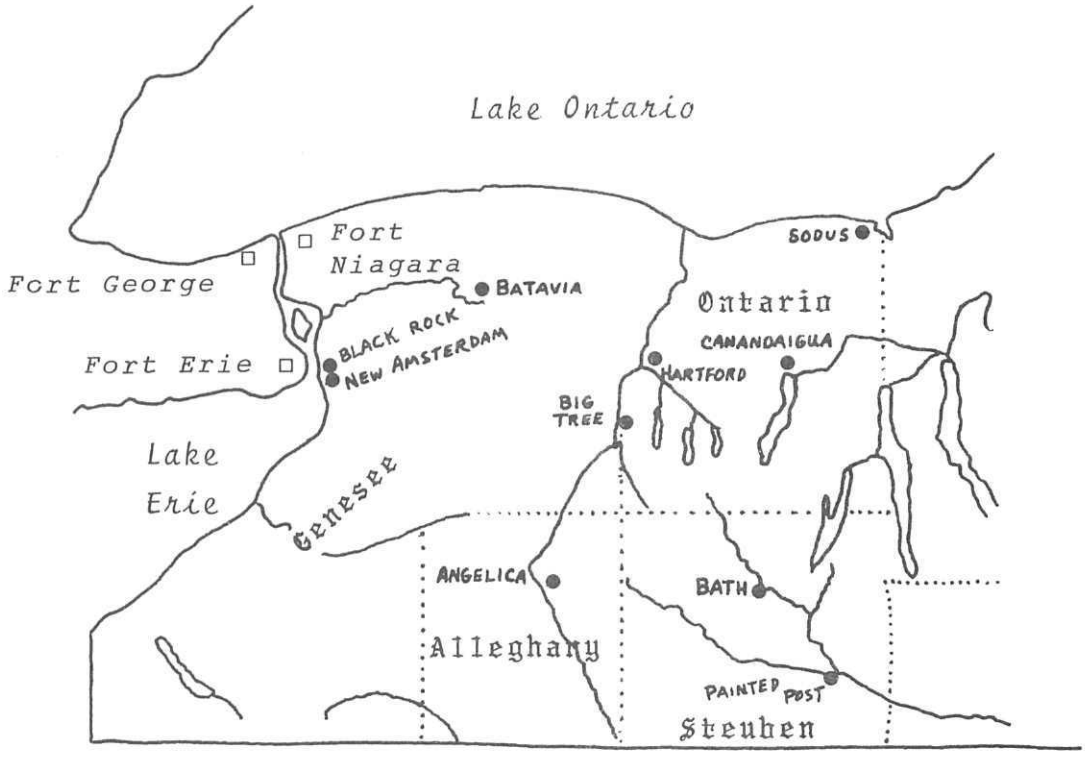
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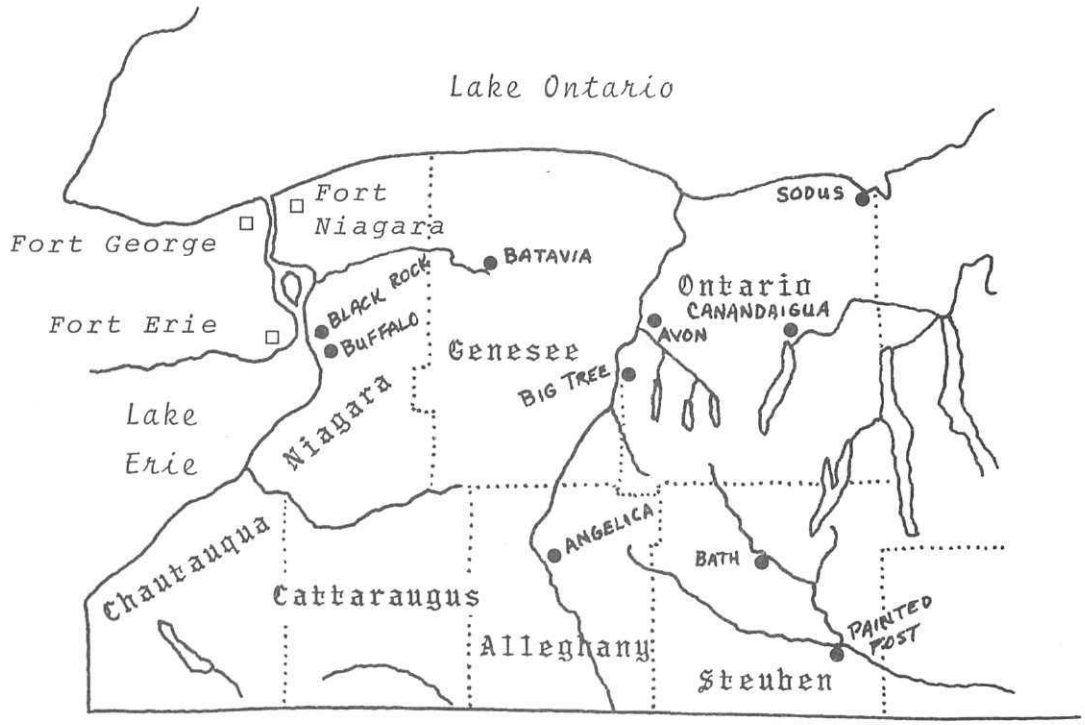
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ing their meeting, André, dressed in civilian clothes, rode towards English lines. The plans of West Point were hidden in his boots. Fortunately, for the American cause, he was captured two days later. He was taken to Washington's headquarters at Tappan, N. Y. Here, he was sentenced by a military court to die. On Oct. 2, 1780, the sentence was carried out, and Major John André was hanged. Dr. Timothy Hosmer was present at the execution, and declared him dead.

SOURCE: "John André" and "Benedict Arnold". *Funk & Wagnalls Standard Reference Encyclopedia.* II. 1959. pp. 471, 669, 670.

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262. GRAVES HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer (Capt.)[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 25 Feb. 1756[1]; baptized: 4 Apr. 1756 - West Hartford, Conn.[2]; died: 17 Jan. 1838[3] - Avon, N. Y.[4]; buried: Avon Cemetery - Avon, N. Y.[5]; Occupation: Minister[6]; Places of Residence: Middletown, Conn.[7]; New London, Conn. - 1790[8]; Avon, N. Y. - 1800[9]; 1810[10]; 1820.[11]

married: Amy Congdon[12], born: about 1770[13]; died: 12 Feb. 1830; buried: Avon Cemetery - Avon, N. Y.[14]

CHILDREN:

(608) 1. PRENTICE HOSMER, born: 1790; died: 11 Feb. 1846.
married: Helen Henry[15]

(609) 2. SYLVESTER HOSMER, born: 18 July 1794[16] - Conn.[17]; died: 14 Apr. 1873.[18]
married: Rebecca Kittredge[19]

(610) 3. TITUS W. HOSMER, born: about 1796[20]; died: 10 May 1866.[21]
married: Helen _____[22]

(611) 4. Clarissa Hosmer[23], born: about 1798[24]; died: 5 Apr. 1837[25]; buried: Avon Cemetery - Avon, N. Y.[26]

(612) 5. JAMES HOSMER, born: 13 Sept. 1799 - Montville, Conn.[27]; died: 11 May 1880[28] - Avon, N. Y.[29]
married: Mary Bowen

(613) 6. Delia Hosmer[30]

(614) 7. Maria Hosmer[31]

(615) 8. Stephen Hosmer[32]

[1]*D. A. R. Patriot Index*. p. 347. See footnote 3.

[2]*West Hartford Church Records*. p. 28. This source contained the following entry:

[1756]

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Apr[l] 4[th] Graves, Son of Stephen Hosmer was baptised]

[3]*D. A. R. Patriot Index*. p. 347; *Livingston County Cemetery Records*. 1945. p. 5. According to this source, Graves was 82 years old at the time of death [1838 - 82 = 1756]; *Avon Cemetery*. [n. p.]. Mrs. Barbara Dade also reported that Graves Hosmer was 82 years old at death [1838 - 82 = 1756]. *(Ibid.)*.

[4]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 23. -- A weekly newspaper of the period reported: " ' DIED/At Avon, on the 21st instant, Mr. Graves Hosmer ' ". (*Livingston Register*. Jan. 30, 1838 in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Mar. 13, 1974).

[5]Information taken from a survey of marked graves prior to 1885 in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Mar. 13, 1974; *Avon Cemetery*. [n. p.].

[6]*Livingston County Cemetery Records*. p. 5. This source gave his name as, Rev. Graves Hosmer. *(Ibid.)*.

[7]Document. Guardianship of Graves Hosmer. Oct. 2, 1769. "Signed, ſealed and delivered in Preſence of, [signed] John S[] Clark". Titus Hosmer, Graves' older brother and guardian lived in Middletown.

[8]1790 U. S. Federal Census. New London, New London County, Connecticut. Listing Graves Hosmer. p. 125.

[9]1800 U. S. Federal Census. Avon, Ontario County, New York State. Listing Graves Hosmer. p. 378 in *Index - 1800 Census, New York State*. p. 118.

[10]1810 U. S. Federal Census. [Avon], Ontario County, New York State. Listing Graves Hosnier. p. 112 in *Index - 1810 Census, New York State*.

[11]1820 U. S. Federal Census. Avon, Ontario County, New York State. Listing Graves Hosmer. p. 185 in *Index - 1820 Census, New York State*. p. 235.

[12]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 23.

[13]An assumption. See next footnote.

[14]Information taken from a survey of marked graves prior to 1885 in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Mar. 13, 1974. -- The source, *Livingston County Cemetery Records*, gave Amy's date of death as, 1? Feb. 1880. This was obviously a transcription error -- the compiler, no doubt, mistaking the "3" (1830) for an "8" (1880). This same source also reported that Amy was 60 years old at the time of her death. Assuming this age was correct, Amy was born in or around the year 1770 [1830 - 60 = 1770]. (*Livingston County Cem-*

etery Records. 1945. p. 5). -- Mrs. Barbara Dade reported that Amy died, 12 Feb. 1830. She was, according to Mrs. Dade, 62 years old. This data would seem to indicate that Amy was born sometime around -- 1768 [1830 - 62 = 1768]. (*Avon Cemetery*. [n. p.]).

[15]Family Bible [published in 1867]. Present owner [1973]: Merritt Hosmer in: Letter, Mildred Middleton to Ronald Roberts, Aug. 20, 1973. -- Pierson, Hosmer, and Whitbeck gave the spelling of Prentice's Christian name as, "Prentiss". (*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 26). -- Albert Hosmer Jr. also gave his Chistian name as, "Prentiss". (A. Hosmer. *Genealogical Record*. p. 16).

[16]Visit to Greenwood Cemetery - Mrs. Mildred Middleton in: Letter, Mrs. Mildred Middleton to Ronald Roberts, May 23, 1974.

[17]1850 U. S. Federal Census. Wilson, Niagara County, New York State. Enumerated: July 21, 1850. Page: 496/991. Dwelling No.: 262. Family No.: 272. Lines: 30-35 (Listing Sylvester Hosmer and family).

[18]Visit to Greenwood Cemetery - Mildred Middleton in: Letter, Mrs. Mildred Middleton to Ronald Roberts, May 23, 1974. -- The Niagara County Historian gave the date of death as, 4 Apr. 1873. (Vital Statistics File - Niagara County Historian [Niagara County, N. Y.]).

[19]Vital Statistics File - Niagara County Historian [Niagara County, N. Y.]. Same citation for footnote: 21.

[20]1860 U. S. Federal Census. Wilson, Niagara County, New York State in: Letter, I. Richard Reed, Niagara County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, May 8, 1972. This census reported Titus' age in 1860 as, "64" [1860 - 64 = 1796]. *(Ibid.)*. -- In the 1850 census, Titus' age was given as, "53" [1850 - 53 = 1797]. (1850 U. S. Federal Census. Wilson, Niagara County, New York State. Enumerated: July 23, 1850. Pages: 498/996, 997. Dwelling No.: 302. Family No.: 312. Lines: 38-40; 1-4 [Listing Titus W. Hosmer and family]).

[22]1850 U. S. Federal Census. Wilson, Niagara County, New York State. Enumerated: July 23, 1850. Pages: 498/996, 997. Dwelling No.: 302. Family No.: 312. Lines: 38-40; 1-4 (Listing Titus W. Hosmer and family).

[23]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 26. Same citation for footnotes: 30, 32.

[24]Information taken from a survey of marked graves prior to 1885 in: Letter, Anna E. Patchett, Livingston County Historian, to Ronald Roberts, Mar. 13, 1974. Same citation for footnote: 26. See next footnote.

[25]*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 26; *Avon Cemetery*. [n. p.]. Clarissa was 39 years old when she died [1837 - 39 = 1798]. *(Ibid.)*. -- *Pioneer Families* gave Clarissa's age at death as, "89". This was, obviously, a transcription error as it should have been, 39. See note at the end of this listing.

[27]J. H. Smith. *Livingston County*. 1881. p. 429. -- *Pioneer Families* gave his date of birth as, "September 18th 1799". (*Pioneer Families*. 1871. p. 26). -- Note: Montville is 6 miles north of New London, Conn. (The Author).

[28]*Ibid.; Avon Cemetery*. [n. p.]. According to this source, James Hosmer was 80 years, 8 months old when he died [May 1880 - 80 years, 8 months = Sept. 1799]. *(Ibid.)*.

[29]*Ibid.*

[31] *Ibid.* -- Albert Hosmer Jr. gave the spelling of her Christian name as, Mariah. (A. Hosmer. *Genealogical Record.* p. 16).

Note: *Pioneer Families* contained the following entry:

> *Sixth Generation.* — Children of Graves and Amy Hosmer: Prentiss, Titus and Sylvester. Clarissa, died April 5th, 1837; aged 89 [sic] years. James, born September 18th 1799; married Mary Bowen, August 10th, 1820; still resides in Avon. Delia, Maria and Stephen.
>
> (*Pioneer Families.* 1871. p. 26).

Note: Brothers Sylvester and Titus were, apparently, neighbors in 1850 - both living in Wilson, Niagara County, N. Y. See footnotes 17 and 22.

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263. WILLIAM HOSMER

[Joseph Hosmer[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 15 Dec. 1745[1] - Hartford, Conn.[2]; married: 15 July 1778 - Hartford, Conn.[3]; died: 18 July 1839 - Guilford Township, Medina County, Ohio; buried: Seville, Ohio[4]; Occupation: Postmaster - Seville, Ohio[5]; Places of Residence: Hartford, Hartford County, Conn. - 1790[6]; Longyard, Mass. - arrived sometime between 1795 and 1800[7]; Ohio - arrived 1818[8]; Seville, Ohio.[9]

married: Elizabeth Barker, born: 19 Aug. 1760 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 13 Aug. 1834 - Seville, Ohio[10]; buried: Seville, Ohio.[11]

CHILDREN:

(616) 1. David Hosmer, born: 15 Feb. 1780[12] - Hartford, Conn.[13]; baptized: 17 May 1793 - Hartford, Conn.[14]; died: 19 May 1793[15]; buried: Center Church.[16]

(617) 2. WILLIAM HOSMER [JR.], born: 12 Jan. 1782 - Hartford, Conn.[17]; baptized: 25 May 1794 - Hartford, Conn.[18]; died: 13 Mar. 1853[19] - Southwick, Mass.[20]
married: Eunice Stiles

(618) 3. Anne ["Annie"] (Hosmer) Noble, born: 1 June 1785[21]; baptized: 25 May 1794 - Hartford,

Conn.[22]; married: 25 Dec. 1811 - Southwick, Mass.; died: 30 Dec. 1850 - Seville, Ohio.
married: Moses Noble, died: 24 Feb. 1831.

(619) 4. Elizabeth Hosmer, born: 1 Aug. 1786[23] - Hartford, Conn.[24]; died: 6 May 1787[25]; buried: Center Church.[26]

(620) 5. Elizabeth Hosmer, born: 10 Apr. 1788[27] - Hartford, Conn.[28]; died: 9 Oct. 1789[29]; buried: Center Church.[30]

(621) 6. Maria Hosmer, born: 1 Sept. 1790[31] - Hartford, Conn.[32]; baptized: 25 May 1794[33]; died: 30 Oct. 1795[34]; buried: Center Church.[35]

(622) 7. HENRY HOSMER, born: 22 May 1793 - Hartford, Conn.[36]; baptized: 25 May 1794[37]; died: 16 May 1882[38] - Seville, Ohio.[39]
married: Lucy Hayes

(623) 8. CHESTER HOSMER, born: 20 Sept. 1795 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 8 Oct. 1882 - Guilford Township, Medina County, Ohio
married: Emeline S. Forbes

(624) 9. Mary Young (Hosmer) Porter, born: 20 Feb. 1798[40] - Southwick, Hampden County, Mass.[41]; married: 1 Jan. 1821 - Seville, Ohio; died: 19 Feb. 1862.
married: Shubael Porter

(625) 10. Jerusha Dennison (Hosmer) Chapman, born: 8 Mar. 1801 - Southwick, Mass.; married: 7 Oct. 1819 - Medina, Ohio; died: 5 Aug. 1851.
married: Cyrus Chapman, born: 15 Dec. 1788 - Cavendish, Vt.[42]

(626) 11. Lydia Maria (Hosmer) Hubbell, born: 11 May 1804 - Southwick, Mass.; married: 13 Apr. 1823 - Seville, Ohio; died: 25 Apr. 1892 - Santa Barbara, Calif.
married: Jason Hubbell[43]

[1] *Genealogy: Connecticut Branch.* [Hosmer Family]. Typed manuscript. [n. d.]. p. 4. Photocopy of this 8 page work sent by Bradley E. Hosmer. The first 7 pages of this 8 page typed manuscript, were written on the same machine. The 8th page was typed on another machine. This would seem to indicate that the 8th page was added at a later date.

[2] Family Sealing Records - William and Elizabeth (Barker) Hosmer. Compiler: Mrs. Vilda Minnie Ely Christenson. Archives, Church of Latter Day Saints). Same citation for footnotes: 13, 24, 28, 32, 41.

[3] Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332; *Genealogy: Connecticut Branch.* p. 4.

[4] *Genealogy: Connecticut Branch.* p. 4. Same citation for footnote: 7.

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 5. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 12, 15, 19,

23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42.

[6]1790 U. S. Federal Census. Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut. Listing William Hosmer. p. 46. According to this census, there were 6 persons in William Hosmer's household in 1790 [1 free male, 16 years and over; 2 free males, under 16 years; and, 3 free females]. *(Ibid.)*.

[8]*Genealogy: Connecticut Branch.* p. 4. This source gave the the following account of William's move to Ohio:

> In 1818 he [William] went to Ohio taking with him his wife and daughters, leaving his son William in Longyard. His two sons, Chester and Henry, had gone to Ohio before, Henry going in 1816. He was the first Post Master of Seville, Ohio, and continued in office for many years. He [William] walked the entire distance from Southwick to Ohio and was forty-nine (49) days on the way.

(Ibid., pp. 4, 5). Note: Longyard is near Southwick.

[10]*Genealogy: Connecticut Branch.* p. 4. -- Charles W. Pettersen reported that Elizabeth Baskin [wife of William Hosmer Sr.] was born in 1761 and died on 19 Aug. 1838. (Letter, Charles W. Pettersen to Ronald S. Hosmer, May 1, 1978).

[11]Family Sealing Records - William and Elizabeth (Barker) Hosmer. Compiler: Mrs. Vilda Minnie Ely Christenson. Archives, Church of Latter Day Saints; Family Questionnaire - Informant: Charles W. Pettersen, July 24, 1978.

[14]Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* 1977. p. 322. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 18, 22, 26, 30, 33, 35, 37.

[20]Family Sealing Records - William and Eunice (Stiles) Hosmer. Compiler: Mrs. Vilda Minnie Ely Christenson. Archives, Church of Latter Day Saints.

[21]*Genealogy: Connecticut Branch.* p. 5. -- Mrs. Christenson gave Ann Hosmer's date of birth as, 21 June 1785. (Family Sealing Records - William and Elizabeth (Barker) Hosmer. Compiler: Mrs. Vilda Minnie Ely Christenson. Archives, Church of Latter Day Saints.

[39]Letter, Charles W. Pettersen to Ronald S. Hosmer. May 1, 1978.

[43]*Genealogy: Connecticut Branch.* p. 6.

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264. JOSEPH HOSMER [JR.]

[Joseph Hosmer[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 Oct. 1749; died: 21 May 1823 - East Windsor, Conn.[1]; Places of Residence: South Windsor, Conn.[2]; East Windsor, Hartford County, Conn. - 1790.[3]

1st marriage: Jerusha Prior, born: 12 Jan. 1753; died: 3 Sept. 1784.[4]

CHILDREN:

(627) 1. Prosper Hosmer, born: 29 Jan. 1775; died: 23 Sept. 1776.

(628) 2. Prosper Hosmer, born: 6 Oct. 1777[5]; baptized: Dec. 1780[6]; married: 14 Nov. 1800 - South Windsor, Hartford County, Conn.[7]; died: Oct. 1832.[8]
married: Hannah Johnson[9]

(629) 3. Sally (Hosmer) Bancroft, born: 16 Oct. 1780[10]; baptized: 21 Apr. 1782[11]; died: 19 Sept. 1838.
married: Samuel Bancroft

(630) 4. Jerusha Hosmer, born: 18 Apr. 1782; died: 26 Aug. 1805.

2nd marriage: Betsey Prior, born: 13 July 1758; died: 10 Feb. 1786.[12]

CHILD:

(631) 5. Robert Hosmer, born: 11 Jan. 1786[13]; died: 15 Oct. 1813.

3rd marriage: Miriam Newberry, born: 24 Feb. 1756[14]; died: 9 June 1832.[15]

CHILDREN:

(632) 6. Betsey (Hosmer) Wales, born: 12 Dec. 1789[16]; baptized: 20 Dec. 1789; married: 3 Jan. 1827.
married: Nathaniel Wales, Place of Residence: East Hartford, Conn.[17]

(633) 7. THADDEUS HOSMER, born: 8 May 1792[18]; baptized: 1 Apr. 1792[19]; died: May 1849.[20]
married: Julia Ann Fitch[21]

(634) 8. Horace Hosmer, born: 8 Sept. 1794[22]; baptized: 21 Sept. 1794.[23]

(635) 9. HORACE HOSMER, baptized: 19 Mar. 1797; died: 12 Sept. 1860.
married: Marilda [Matilda ?] Grant[24]

(636) 10. George Hosmer, born: 22 Feb. 1797[25]; baptized: 19 Mar. 1797[26]; died: 18 Dec. 1809.

(637) 11. Miriam (Hosmer) Grant, born: 4 Sept. 1799[27]; baptized: 6 Oct. 1799[28]; died: 19 Aug. 1830.[29]
married: Hiram Grant[30]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 5.

[2]Henry R. Stiles. *The History and Genealogy of Ancient Windsor, Connecticut: Including East Windsor, South Windsor, Bloomfield, Windsor Locks, and Ellington 1635-1691.* II: Genealogies and Biographies. Hartford, Conn.: Press of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Company, 1892. p. 408. Hereinafter cited as, *Ancient Windsor.*

[3]1790 U. S. Federal Census. East Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut. Listing Joseph Hosmer. p. 37. According to this census, there were 11 persons in Joseph Hosmer's household in 1790 [5 free males, 16 years and over; 2 free males under 16; and 4 free females]. *(Ibid.).*

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 6. -- Henry R. Stiles gave the date of Jerusha's burial as, 3 Sept. 1784. (Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408).

[5]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29.

[6]Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 17, 19, 21, 21, 23, 28.

[7]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,331. Same citation for footnote: 9.

[13]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 6. -- Henry R. Stiles gave the date of Robert's birth as, 1 Jan. 1786. (Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408).

[14]*Ibid.* -- Henry R. Stiles gave the date of Miriam's birth as, 25 Feb. 1756/57. (Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408).

[15]Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408. -- James B. Hosmer incorrectly gave Miriam's date of death as, "June 9th, 1732". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 6). This was, obviously, a typographical error.

[18]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 6.

[24]Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408; Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,330. -- James B. Hosmer gave the Christian name of Horace's wife as, "Matilda". (J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 7. -- Marilda was the daughter of Augustus Grant, a resident of, "Wpg." (Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408).

[26]*Ibid.* Apparently, George and Horace were twins. *(Ibid.).*

[30]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 6. -- Hiram was the son of Augustus Grant. (Stiles. *Ancient Windsor.* 1892. p. 408).

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265. JAMES HOSMER

[Joseph Hosmer[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 30 Sept. 1751[1]; married: Autumn 1779[2]; died: 19 Aug. 1837 - Hartford, Conn.[3]; Place of Residence: Hartford[4]. Hartford County, Conn. - 1790.[5]

married: Ann Bidwell[6], born: 7 Apr. 1759; died: 24 Feb. 1834.[7]

CHILDREN:

(638) 1. James Bidwell Hosmer[8], born: 27 Sept. 1781[9]; died: Sept. 1878.[10]

(639) 2. Charles Hosmer, born: 10 Apr. 1785.

(640) 3. Ann (Hosmer) Bull, born: 30 Apr. 1789[11]; married: about 25 Mar. 1828 - Hartford, Conn.[12]; died: 5 Mar. 1857.
married: Lorenzo Bull[13], born: 16 July 1786; died: 12 Jan. 1849.[14]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 5. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2]*Ibid.*, p. 6. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 9, 11, 13.

[4]1790 U. S. Federal Census. Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut. Listing James Hosmer. p. 45; *American Ancestry*. X. 1968. p. 193.

[5]*Ibid.* According to this census, there were 11 persons in James Hosmer's household in 1790 [5 free males, 16 years and over; 2 free males under 16; and, 4 free females]. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 6. -- Anne was the daughter of James Bidwell. (*American Ancestry*. X. 1968. p. 192).

[8]*Ibid.* -- Note: James Bidwell Hosmer was the author of the genealogical study: *Genealogy of the Hosmer Family*, published in 1861 [referred to in this work as, *Hosmer Family*].

[10]Hand written entry in George Hosmer's copy of *Hosmer Family*. According to this penned entry, James Bidwell Hosmer was 97 years old at the time of his death [Sept. 1878 - 97 years = 1781]. *(Ibid.)*.

[12]"Vital Records Kept by William Watson of Hartford, Conn., 1819-1834". Communicated by Miss Elizabeth Ellery Dana in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. LXXIX (Apr., 1925), 155. -- The Computer File Index gave Ann and Lorenzo's date and place of marriage as, "18 Mar[.] 1828 Hartford [county] Hartford [town]". (Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,328).

[14]Papers of James Bidwell Hosmer presently in the possession of the Connecticut Historical Society in: Letter, Mrs. Patricia Dowell to Ronald Roberts, Oct. 21, 1977.

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268. PROSPER HOSMER

[Joseph Hosmer[d], Thomas Hosmer (Capt.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 22 June 1757; died: 1 Dec. 1850 - Athens, N. Y.[1]; Places of Residence: Columbia County, N. Y. - 1800[2]; Hudson,

Columbia County, N. Y. - 1820.[3]

married: Catherine Mooklar, died: 6 July 1851.

CHILDREN:

(641) 1. John Hosmer[4], Place of Residence: Hudson, Columbia County, N. Y. - 1820[5], 1830.[6]
married: Eliza Pomeroy, Place of Residence: Coventry, [Conn.]

(642) 2. Maria (Hosmer) Grantley
married: Daniel W. Grantley

(643) 3. Julia Ann (Hosmer) Burr
married: Calvin Burr[7]

[1]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 5. -- A pension application (W23339) indicated that Prosper was a soldier in the Connecticut Line in the Revolutionary War. (*Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications*. Washington, D. C.: National Genealogical Society, 1966. p. 561).

[2]1800 U. S. Federal Census. Columbia County, New York State. Listing Prosper Hosmer. p. 248A in *Index - 1800 Census, New York State*. p. 118.

[3]1820 U. S. Federal Census. Hudson, Columbia County, New York State. Listing Prisper Hosmer. p. 18 in *Index - 1820 Census, New York State*. p. 235.

[4]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 7. Same citation for footnote: 7.

[5]1820 U. S. Federal Census. Columbia County, New York State. Listing John Hosmer. p. 18 in *Index - 1820 Census. New York State*. p. 235.

[6]1830 U. S. Federal Census. Columbia County, New York State. Listing John Hosmer. p. 118 in *Index - 1830 Census, New York State*. p. 338.

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275. ZECHARIAH HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer[d], Stephen Hosmer (Rev.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

baptized: 1742; died: in or around the year 1765 - West Indies[1]; Occupation: Ship's Carpenter; Place of Residence: East Haddam, Conn.

married: Martha ———

CHILDREN:

(644) 1. ZECHARIAH HOSMER [JR.], born: 29 Aug. 1762 - East Haddam, Conn.; baptized: 3 May 1767; died: 6 Aug. 1856 - Parkman, Ohio.
married: Mercy Smith

(645) 2. Uriah Hosmer, baptized: 6 Jan. 1771.[2]

[1]*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. pp. 2, 3. It was said that Zechariah Hosmer Sr. died of yellow fever. (*Ibid.*, p. 3).
[2]*Ibid.*, p. 3.

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276. STEPHEN HOSMER

[Stephen Hosmer[d], Stephen Hosmer (Rev.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

baptized: 19 Feb. 1743/44[1]; married: 3 Oct. 1763 - Chatham, Conn.[2]; Places of Residence: Middle Haddam, Conn.[3]; Chatham, Middlesex County, Conn. - 1790.[4]

married: Bathsheba Green[5], born: 23 Oct. 1743 - Middle Haddam, Conn.; baptized: 23 Oct. 1743 - Middle Haddam, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(646) 1. STEPHEN HOSMER, baptized: 26 Apr. 1767 - Middle Haddam, Conn.[6]
married: _____[7]

(647) 2. ASA HOSMER[8], baptized: 26 Apr. 1767 - Middle Haddam, Conn.[9]
married: _____[10]

(648) 3. John Budd Hosmer, baptized: 5 June 1768 - Middle Haddam, Conn.

(649) 4. Ann Hosmer, baptized: 12 Apr. 1772 - Middle Haddam, Conn.

(650) 5. Mary Hosmer, baptized: 31 July 1774 - Middle Haddam, Conn.

(651) 6. PETER HOSMER, baptized: 27 Oct. 1776 - Middle Haddam, Conn.[11]; died: 1801 or 1802 (lost at sea).
married: Elizabeth Young[12]

(652) 7. Bathsheba Hosmer, baptized: 23 Aug. 1778 - Middle Haddam, Conn.

(653) 8. Matilda Hosmer, baptized: 8 Apr. 1781 - Middle Haddam, Conn.

(654) 9. Horatio Hosmer, baptized: 14 Sept. 1783 -

Middle Haddam, Conn.

(655) 10. Euclid Hosmer, baptized: 20 Aug. 1786.[13]; died: West Indies; Place of Residence: West Indies.[14]

(656) 11. Rozilly Hosmer, baptized: 20 June 1790.[15]

(657) 12. Ichabod Hosmer[16]

[1]*Genealogy of Zechariah Hosmer*. pp. 2, 3.

[2]*Early Connecticut Marriages*. Book III. 1968. p. 77.

[3]R. Greene. *Greene Family*. 1909. p. 15.

[4]1790 U. S. Federal Census. Chatham Town, Middlesex County, Connecticut. Listing Stephen Hosmer. p. 80. According to this census, there were 5 persons in Stephen Hosmer's household in 1790 [1 free male, 16 years and over; 2 free males, under 16; and, 2 free females]. *(Ibid.)*.

[5]R. Greene. *Greene Family*. 1909. p. 15. Bathsheba was the daughter of Warren Green. *(Ibid.)*.

[6]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 9, 11.

[7]*Ibid.*, p. 24.

[8]*Ibid.*, p. 15. Stephen and Asa were twins. (*Ibid.*, pp. 98, 99).

[10]*Ibid.*, p. 99. Same citation for footnote: 12.

[13]*Ibid.*, p. 16. Same citation for footnote: 16.

[14]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 9. Same citation for footnote: 16.

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278. TIMOTHY GREENE HOSMER

[Robert Hosmer[d], Stephen Hosmer (Rev.)[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 30 Oct. 1746[1] - East Haddam, Conn.[2]; baptized: 9 Nov. 1746.[3]

married: Diodema Comstock

CHILD:

(658) 1. MARY ANN (HOSMER) RALSTON, born: 31 May 1791 - Saybrook, Conn.; died: 16 Nov. 1869. married: Alexander Ralston II[4]

[1]Computer File Index. State: Connecticut. Current as of Aug. 1978. p. 6,332; Letter, Ellen Ralston (Douglass) Haith to Ronald Roberts, Aug. 3, 1980. For this information, Mrs. Haith relied

on family material supplied by Mary Rose Rosebraugh. *(Ibid.)*.

[2]*Ibid.*

[3]J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 8. This source gave the date of baptism of "Timothy Hosmer" as, 9 Nov. 1746. This "Timothy Hosmer" was the son of Robert Hosmer. *(Ibid.)*.

[4]Letter, Ellen Ralston (Douglass) Haith to Ronald Roberts, Aug. 3, 1980. For this information, Mrs. Haith relied on family material supplied by Mary Rose Rosebraugh. *(Ibid.)*.

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280. DAVID HILLS [LT.]

[Ann (Pitkin) Hills[d], Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1724; married: 1745; died: 2 July 1785; Occupation: Lt. - Co. of Hartford, Conn.[1]

married: Mary Pitkin[2], born: 9 Dec. 1727; died: 9 Dec. 1793.[3]

CHILDREN:

(659) 1. EUNICE (HILLS) PITKIN, born: 20 Apr. 1746 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 22 Jan. 1802.[4]
married: Epaphras Pitkin[5]

(660) 2. MARY (HILLS) KILBOURN, born: 30 Jan. 1748 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 22 Jan. 1802.[6]
married: Russell Kilbourn[7]

(661) 3. Ann (Hills) Little, born: 16 Nov. 1749 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 3 Dec. 1791.[8]
married: David Little[9]

(662) 4. STEPHEN HILLS, born: 11 Oct. 1751 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 21 Jan. 1823.[10]
married: Mabel Woodbridge[11]

(663) 5. ELISHA HILLS, born: 21 Apr. 1753 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 19 Aug. 1804.[12]
married: Elizabeth Porter[13]

(664) 6. David Hills, born: 31 May 1755 - East Hartford, Conn.[14]; 1st marriage: East Hartford, Conn.[15]; died: 2 May 1817.[16]
1st marriage: Mary Olmstead, born: 1775; died: 18 Nov. 1810.
2nd marriage: Mindwell Olmstead, born: 1772.[17]

(665) 7. Richard Hills, born: 7 Feb. 1757 - East Hartford, Conn.[18]; married: 8 Mar. 1818 - East Hartford, Conn.[19]; died: 15 Jan. 1825.[20]
married: Mindwell Olmstead[21]

(666) 8. EPAPHRAS HILLS, born: 7 July 1759 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 14 Oct. 1844.[22]
married: Hannah Talcott[23]

(667) 9. George Hills, born: 27 Jan. 1761 - East Hartford, Conn.[24]

(668) 10. RUSSELL HILLS, born: 7 July 1762 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 9 Feb. 1813.[25]
1st marriage: Hannah Ames
2nd marriage: Vine _____[26]

(669) 11. TIMOTHY HILLS, born: 15 May 1764 - East Hartford, Conn.[27]
married: Jerusha Stanley[28]

(670) 12. Eliphalet Hills, born: 27 Apr. 1766 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 7 Nov. 1801.[29]
married: Mary Hills[30]

(671) 13. MOSES HILLS, born: 30 Dec. 1768 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 1 Feb. 1814.[31]

[1] *Hills Family*. 1906. p. 24. Same citation for footnote: 3.
[2] *Ibid.* Mary was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lord) Pitkin. *(Ibid.)*.
[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 24, 49. Same citation for footnote: 6.
[5] *Ibid.*, p. 49. Same citation for footnote: 7.
[8] *Ibid.*, pp. 24, 50. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 12.
[9] *Ibid.*, p. 50; A. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. 1887. p. 29.
[11] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 13.
[14] *Ibid.*, pp. 24, 50, 51.
[15] Assumption.
[16] *Hills Family*. 1906. pp. 24, 51. Same citation for footnotes: 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27.
[17] *Ibid.*, p. 51. Same citation for footnotes: 19, 21, 23, 26, 28.
[29] *Ibid.*, pp. 24, 52. Same citation for footnote: 31.
[30] *Ibid.*, p. 52; A. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America*. 1887. p. 29.
[32] *Ibid.*, p. 52.

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284. DOROTHY (HILLS) PITKIN

[Anne (Pitkin) Hills[d], Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1731; married: 1758; died: 1826.[1]

married: Richard Pitkin [Capt.][2], born: 15 Mar. 1739; died: 22 Aug. 1799; Military Service -

Capt., Revolutionary War; Public Offices: Justice of the Peace - Hartford County, Conn., May 1780, Selectman - Hartford, Conn., 1783[3]; Occupation: Owner and operator of a cotton mill - Orford Parish, [Conn.], about 1796[4]; Glass manufacturer.

CHILDREN:

(672) 1. RICHARD PITKIN, born: 24 Oct. 1759; died: 7 May 1822.
married: Abigail Loomis

(673) 2. EUNICE (PITKIN) BUCKLAND, born: 1761; died: 1790.
married: Aaron Buckland

(674) 3. ELEAZUR PITKIN, born: 19 Dec. 1762; died: 2 Jan. 1822.
married: Mehitabel Cone

(675) 4. RUTH (PITKIN) WALCOTT, born: 1764; died: 1 Aug. 1811.
married: Arodi Wolcott

(676) 5. MARY (PITKIN) CONE, born: 1767; died: 6 June 1864.
married: Russell Cone

(677) 6. ANNA (PITKIN) HOSKINS, born: 1769.
married: Asahel Hoskins

(678) 7. DAVID PITKIN, born: 1770; died: 2 July 1822.
married: Mary Cone

(679) 8. Jos. Chester Pitkin, born: 1784; died: 1797.[5]

[1] A. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* 1887. p. 31.

[2] *Ibid.* Richard was the son of Col. Joseph and Mary (Lord) Pitkin. (*Ibid.*, p. 14).

[3] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 5.

[4] *Ibid.* When A. P. Pitkin wrote, *Pitkin Family of America* in 1887, a cotton milling company [the " ' Globe Mill Company ' "] was still operating at the site of Richard Pitkin's original mill. *(Ibid.).*

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285. ANNE (HILLS) PITKINS

[Anne (Pitkin) Hills[d], Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1732; married: 1751; died: 4 July 1758.[1]

married: Joseph Pitkin[2], born: 1729; died: 30 Oct. 1770.

CHILDREN:

(680) 1. STEPHEN PITKIN, born: 10 May 1753; died: 1807.[3]
1st marriage: Abigail Buckland[4]
2nd marriage: Amy _____[5]

(681) 2. ANNE (PITKIN) SPENCER, born: born: 28 Apr. 1754.
married: Joseph Spencer

(682) 3. Joseph Pitkin, born: 3 Oct. 1756; died: 3 June 1805[6]; Military Service: Revolution - "minute man".[7]
married: Ruth Pitkin[8], born: 1759; died: 20 Mar. 1842.[9]

[1]A. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* 1887. p. 29.
[2]*Ibid.* Joseph was the son of Col. Joseph and Mary (Lord) Pitkin. (*Ibid.*, p. 14).
[3]*Ibid.*, p. 29.
[4]*Ibid.*, pp. 29, 56. Same citation for footnote: 6.
[5]*Ibid.*, p. 56.
[7]*Ibid.*, p. 56. Joseph joined the "minute men" at the age of 19. This unit, under the leadership of Col. George Pitkin, marched to the relief of Boston in 1775. *(Ibid.)*.
[8]*Ibid.* Ruth was the daughter of Roger and Esther (Cowles) Pitkin. *(Ibid.)*.
[9]*Ibid.* Ruth and Joseph had no children. *(Ibid.)*.

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290. DOROTHY (ROBERTS) KINGSBURY

[Dorothy (Pitkin) Roberts[d], Hester (Hosmer) Pitkin[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 23 Jan. 1734.

married: Lemuel Kingsbury, Place of Residence: Andover, [Mass.].[1]

CHILD:

(683) 1. ELIZABETH (KINGSBURY) PITKIN
married: Elisha Pitkin[2]

[1] *Family History of Connecticut.* I. 1911. p. 587.
[2] A. Pitkin. *Pitkin Family of America.* 1887. p. 57.

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300. ABIGAIL (OLMSTED) CROW

[Stephen Olmsted (Lt.)[d], Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

married: Nathaniel Crow[1]

CHILD:

(684) 1. [Christian name unknown] (Crow) Leffingwell[2]
married: Hart Leffingwell[3]

[1] *Olmsted Family.* 1912. p. 25. Same citation for footnote: 3.
[2] *Ibid.* According to this source, Abigail and Nathaniel, "had one dau. who m. Hart Leffingwell". *(Ibid.).*

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303. STEPHEN OLMSTED [JR.]

[Stephen Olmsted (Lt.)[d], Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted[C], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1742[1]; died: 9 Sept. 1776 - Westchester, N. Y.[2]; Occupation: Soldier; Military Service: French and Indian War.[3]

married: Jane Olmsted[4]

CHILDREN:

(685) 1. LUCY (OLMSTED) PITKIN[5], born: 1 Sept. 1772 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 12 Jan. 1863.
married: Nathan Pitkin[6]

(686) 2. STEPHEN OLMSTED III[7], born: 26 Nov. 1774 - East Hartford, Conn.
married: Mary Hurlburt[8]

[1] *Olmsted Family.* 1912. p. 42. Same citation for footnote: 4.

[2] *Ibid.* Stephen died while in the army. *(Ibid.).*
[3] *Ibid.* In August of 1757, he marched with his colleagues in the relief of Fort William Henry. Stephen enlisted in the army on Mar. 19, 1762. He took part in the expedition against Crown Point. *(Ibid.).*
[5] *Ibid.*, pp. 42, 71. Same citation for footnote: 7.
[6] *Ibid.*, p. 71. Same citation for footnote: 8.

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304. LUCY (OLMSTED) HURLBUT

[Stephen Olmsted (Lt.)[d], Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1743; died: 5 Jan. 1796.[1]

married: John Hurlbut [Lt.][2], born: 1 July 1742[3]; Occupation: Soldier; Military Service: French and Indian War[4]; Place of Residence: Waterford, Penn. [?].

CHILDREN:

(687) 1. Lucy (Hurlbut) Cook, baptized: 11 May 1766.
married: Eliakim Cook

(688) 2. Aurelia Hurlbut, baptized: 10 Jan. 1768; died: Nov. 1795.

(689) 3. Sophia Hurlbut, baptized: 3 Sept. 1769; died: Dec. 1795.

(690) 4. John Hurlbut, baptized: 30 May 1773; died: Dec. 1795.[5]

(691) 5. GILES HURLBUT[6], baptized: 5 Jan. 1777 - East Hartford, Conn.
1st marriage: Jerusha Roberts
2nd marriage: _____ Mitchell[7]

(692) 6. Philena (Hurlbut) Reed, baptized: 24 Oct. 1774; married: 2 Jan. 1802.[8]
married: George Washington Reed[9]

(693) 7. Chauncey Hurlbut, baptized: 7 Oct. 1781[10]; died: Dec. 1795.[11]

[1] *Olmsted Family.* 1912. p. 42. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 5.
[2] *Ibid.* John was the son of John and Mabel (Loomis) Hurlbut of East Hartford, Conn. *(Ibid.).*
[4] *Ibid.* John took part in the expedition against Ticonderoga in 1759. The expedition was led by General Amherst. *(Ibid.).*
[6] *Ibid.*, pp. 42, 71.
[7] *Ibid.*, p. 71.

[8] *Ibid.*, p. 42. Same citation for footnote: 10.
[9] *Ibid.* George was the son of [Col.] Seth and Hannah (Harwood) Reed. *(Ibid.)*.
[11] *Ibid.* Of the 7 Hurlbut children, three died in Dec. 1795, and one died in Nov. 1795. Their mother died in Jan. 1796. *(Ibid.)*. -- Although the causes of death are unknown, the author believes that they were, in some way, connected, perhaps the result of some infectious disease. (Assumption).

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305. ISAAC OLMSTED

[Stephen Olmsted (Lt.)[d], Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1745; died: 27 Mar. 1825[1]; Military Service: Revolutionary War.[2]

married: Rebecca Forbes[3], born: 1744; died: 22 Aug. 1800.[4]

CHILDREN:

(694) 1. Lucretia Olmsted, baptized: 4 Oct. 1767; died: 7 Apr. 1785.

(695) 2. Olive Olmsted, baptized: 22 Apr. 1769; died: 8 Dec. 1823.[5]

(696) 3. ISAAC OLMSTED [JR.][6], born: 7 Oct. 1771; died: 1828.
married: Phebe Spencer[7]

(697) 4. TIMOTHY OLMSTED[8], born: 7 Aug. 1774; died: 8 May 1848.
married: Rhoda Loomis[9]

(698) 5. Rebecca (Olmsted) Spencer, born: 1780; married: 1805.[10]
married: Nathan Spencer[11], born: 16 Feb. 1779; died: 29 Jan. 1854[12]; Places of Residence: Hartland, Conn. - departed, 12 June 1817; Ohio - arrived, July-Aug. 1817.[13]

(699) 6. ELIPHALET OLMSTED[14], baptized: 12 Aug. 1781; died: 3 Nov. 1830 - Hotchkissville, Conn.
married: Mercy C. Loomis[15]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 43. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 10, 12.
[2] *Ibid.*, pp. 43, 44.

[3] *Ibid.*, p. 43. Rebecca was the daughter of David and Mary (Hills) Forbes. *(Ibid.)*.

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 44.

[6] *Ibid.*, pp. 44, 71. Same citation for footnotes: 8, 14.

[7] *Ibid.*, p. 71. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 15.

[11] *Ibid.*, p. 44. Nathan was the son of Daniel and Sarah (Lord) Spencer. *(Ibid.)*.

[13] *Ibid.* Nathan and Rebecca's journey from Hartland, Conn. to Ohio took about 6 weeks. They settled in a, "dense wilderness". *(Ibid.)*

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311. NATHANIEL OLMSTED [JR.]

[Nathaniel Olmsted[d], Mary (Hosmer) Olmsted[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 19 July 1751 - East Hartford, Conn.; 1st marriage: 25 Dec. 1776; 2nd marriage: 30 Nov. 1784; died: 9 June 1792[1]; Military Service: Revolutionary War.[2]

1st marriage: Thankful Huntington[3], born: 14 Dec. 1752[4]; died: 24 Nov. 1782.[5]

CHILDREN:

(700) 1. Daughter [Name Unknown], born: 18 Dec. 1778; died young.[6]

(701) 2. ALLEN OLMSTED[7], born: 6 July 1780 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 19 May 1821 - Avon, Conn.
married: Prudence Johnson[8]

(702) 3. Son [Name Unknown], born: 20 Nov. 1782; died young.[9]

2nd marriage: Eunice Kingsbury[10], born: 30 Apr. 1755; died: 6 Dec. 1846.[11]

CHILDREN:

(703) 4. NATHANIEL OLMSTED [III][12], born: 31 Dec. 1785 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 17 May 1860.
married: Fidelia Burnap[13]

(704) 5. Thankful Olmsted, born: 8 Oct. 1787; died: 18 May 1810 - Farmington, Conn.[14]

(705) 6. SARAH (OLMSTED) RICHARDS[15], born: 15 Sept. 1789 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 19 Dec. 1856.
married: Russel Richards[16]

(706) 7. DENISON OLMSTED[17], born: 18 June 1791 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 13 May 1859.
1st marriage: Eliza Allyn
2nd marriage: Julia Mason[18]

[1]*Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 44. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6, 9, 14.
[2]*Ibid.* Nathaniel took part on the march of Boston, Apr. 1775. *(Ibid.)*.
[3]*Ibid.* Thankful was the daughter of Samuel and Thankful (Warner) Huntington of Tolland, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.
[5]*Ibid.* Thankful died four days after the birth of their second son. *(Ibid.)*.
[7]*Ibid.*, pp. 44, 72. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 15, 17.
[8]*Ibid.*, p. 72. Same citation for footnotes: 13, 16, 18.
[10]*Ibid.* Eunice was the daughter of Denison and Lydia (Jones) Kingsbury of Andover, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.
[11]*Ibid.* Several years after Nathaniel's death, Eunice married Ephaim Webster. *(Ibid.)*.

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319. MICHAEL OLMSTED

[Thaddeus Olmsted[d], Deborah (Hosmer) Olmsted[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 2 July 1766 - East Hartford, Conn.; married: 7 Jan. 1789; died: 27 Aug. 1833.[1]

married: Abigail Merrow[2], born: 14 Feb. 1768; died: 12 Feb. 1843.[3]

CHILDREN:

(707) 1. LYNDE OLMSTED[4], born: 5 Dec. 1790 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 15 Oct. 1870.
married: Amelia Goodman[5]

(708) 2. Nathan Merrow Olmsted, born: 28 Nov. 1790; died: 26 Nov. 1855.[6]

(709) 3. JOHN OLMSTED[7], born: 16 Apr. 1800 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 14 Nov. 1868.
married: Eliza Mix[8]

[1]*Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 44. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 6.

[2] *Ibid.* Abigail was the daughter of Elisha and Mary (Miller) Merrow. *(Ibid.).*
[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 44, 74. Same citation for footnote: 7.
[5] *Ibid.*, p. 74. Same citation for footnote: 8.

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320. ANNA (OLMSTED) KINGSBURY

[Thaddeus Olmsted[d], Deborah (Hosmer) Olmsted[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 6 Apr. 1768; married: 19 May 1784; died: 19 Apr. 1851.[1]

married: John Dennison Kingsbury[2], born: 23 Apr. 1763; died: 23 Mar. 1854; Place of Residence: Hanover, N. H.

CHILDREN:

(710) 1. Harry Kingsbury, born: 26 Mar. 1788; died: 18 Jan. 1874.
(711) 2. Child [Name Unknown], born: 16 Apr. 1789; died young [?].[3]
(712) 3. SALLY (KINGSBURY) ROSS[4], born: 16 Sept. 1790; died: 8 Feb. 1843.
married: Nathan Ross[5]
(713) 4. ANNE OLMSTED (KINGSBURY) POMEROY[6], born: 29 July 1792; died: 5 Dec. 1831.
married: Isaac Newton Pomeroy[7]
(714) 5. POLLY (KINGSBURY) WOODWARD[8], born: 21 Mar. 1795; died: about 1876.
married: James Woodward[9]
(715) 6. JOHN KINGSBURY[10], born: 12 Dec. 1796; died: 1 Apr. 1877.
married: Lora Tenney[11]
(716) 7. DENNISON KINGSBURY[12], born: 24 Jan. 1799; died: 14 July 1825.
married: Mehitable Hale[13]
(717) 8. JOSEPH KINGSBURY[14], born: 26 Jan. 1801 - Hanover, N. H.; died: 17 Apr. 1876 - Norwich, Vt.
married: Eliza S. Whitcomb[15]

[1] *Olmsted Family.* 1912. p. 44. Same citation for footnote: 3.
[2] *Ibid.* John was the son of Dennison and Lydia (Jones) Kingsbury. *(Ibid.).*

[4] *Ibid.*, pp. 44, 74. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 8, 10.
[5] *Ibid.*, p. 74. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 9, 11.
[12] *Ibid.*, pp. 44, 75. Same citation for footnote: 14.
[13] *Ibid.*, p. 75. Same citation for footnote: 15.

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328. SAMUEL OLMSTED [JR.]

[Samuel Olmsted[d], Clemence (Hosmer) Olmsted[c], Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 17 Apr. 1766 - East Hartford, Conn.; 2nd marriage: 13 May 1825; died: 16 May 1848; Place of Residence: Stockbridge, Mass.

1st marriage: Hannah Stow[1]

CHILDREN:

(718) 1. LEONARD O. OLMSTED[2], born: 28 Mar. 1791 - Stockbridge, Mass.; died: 30 Jan. 1849.
married: Sophia Thatcher[3]

(719) 2. FRANCIS OLMSTED[4], born: 16 Sept. 1796 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 19 Dec. 1872.
married: Cynthia Black[5]

(720) 3. Enos J. Olmsted, born: 14 Apr. 1798; 1st marriage: 14 Feb. 1821; died: 5 Jan. 1869 - Castleton, Ontario County, N. Y. Place of Residence: Castleton, N. Y.[6]
1st marriage: Alma Hall
2nd marriage: ——— Hall[7]

(721) 4. Emily Olmsted, born: 9 July 1801 - Stockbridge, Mass.; died: 25 June 1863 - Penn Yan, N. Y.

(722) 5. Russell Olmsted, born: about 1812; died: 12 Mar. 1829 - Great Barrington, Mass.[8]

2nd marriage: Elizabeth Wood[9], born: about 1800; died: 25 May 1874.[10]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 44. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 8.
[2] *Ibid.*, pp. 44, 75. Same citation for footnote: 4.
[3] *Ibid.*, p. 75. Same citation for footnote: 5.
[7] *Ibid.*, p. 44. Enos' two wives were sisters, daughters of Judge Hall of Penn Yan, N. Y. *(Ibid.)*.

[9] *Ibid.* Elizabeth was the widow of ——— Crane. *(Ibid.)*.
[10] *Ibid.* It is interesting to note that three of Samuel's children were older than his second wife.

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329. ELISHA OLMSTED

[Samuel Olmsted^{d}, Clemence (Hosmer) Olmsted^{c}, Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 3 Apr. 1768 - East Hartford, Conn.; 1st marriage: 20 Mar. 1782; 2nd marriage: 4 July 1824; died: 24 June 1858.

1st marriage: Anne Woodbridge

CHILDREN:

(723) 1. Anne Olmsted, born: 19 Mar. 1792; died: 3 May 1850.
(724) 2. Sarah Woodbridge Olmsted, born: 26 Oct. 1810; died: 20 May 1881.

2nd marriage: Olive Miller, born: 28 Mar. 1792; died: 3 Feb. 1874.[1]

CHILD:

(725) 3. ELISHA SAGE OLMSTED[2], born: 5 Apr. 1826 - East Hartford, Conn.; died: 10 Dec. 1868 - Tuscaloosa, Ala.
married: Harriet Judson[3]

[1] *Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 45.
[2] *Ibid.*, pp. 45, 75.
[3] *Ibid.*, p. 75.

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333. MARY (OLMSTED) HOLLISTER

[Samuel Olmsted^{d}, Clemence (Hosmer) Olmsted^{c}, Stephen Hosmer (Deacon)^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 3 May[1] 1778[2]; married: 15 Nov. 1798[3]; died: 17 Sept.[4]

1827.[5]

married: Gideon Hollister[6], born: 20 Jan. 1776; died: 22 Feb. 1864[7]; Place of Residence: Andover, Conn.

CHILD:

(726) 1. EDWIN MADISON HOLLISTER, born: 1800; died: 1870.
married: Gratia Taylor Buell[8]

[1]*Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 26. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 7.
[2]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 647; *Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 26.
[3]*Ibid*. Same citation for footnote: 8.
[5]*Ibid.; Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 26.
[6]*Olmsted Family*. 1912. p. 26. Gideon was the son of Nathaniel and Mehitabel (Matteson) Hollister. *(Ibid.)*.

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351. SARAH (WILLARD) JONES

[Samuel Willard [Jr.]^{d}, Samuel Willard^{c}, Hannah (Hosmer) Willard^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1717; married: 1737.[1]

married: James Jones[2], born: 1709; died: 1768.

CHILD:

(727) 1. ELISHA JONES, born: 1746; died: 1816.
married: Abigail Willard[3]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 824. Same citation for footnote: 3.
[2]*Ibid*. James was the son of Isaac and Deborah (Clark) Jones of New Haven, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

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352. JOSEPH WILLARD

[Joseph Willard (Rev.)[d], Samuel Willard[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1723; died: 1799[1]; Place of Residence: Charlestown, N. H.[2]

married: Huldah Willard[3], born: 1732.[4]

CHILDREN:

(728) 1. FRANCIS WILLOUGHBY WILLARD, born: 1751; died: 1794.
married: Deborah Blood[5]

(729) 2. LOVISA (WILLARD) HENRY, baptized: 1766.
married: David Henry[6]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 614. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6.

[2]*Ibid.* Joseph and his wife were captured by the Indians June 7, 1760, and were kept in captivity for some time. *(Ibid.)*.

[3]*Ibid.* Huldah was the daughter of Lt. Moses Willard. Huldah and Joseph were third cousins. *(Ibid.)*.

[5]*Ibid.*, p. 635.

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359. EZRA KIRTLAND

[Lydia (Belden) Kirtland[d], Dorothy (Willard) Belden[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 11 Oct. 1728 (or) 1730 - Saybrook, Conn.; married: 1752 - Stratfield [Bridgeport], Conn.; died: 22 Aug. 1800 - Stratfield, Conn.; buried: Old Burying Ground (Poquonnock) - Stratfield, Conn.; Occupation: Blacksmith, Farmer[1]; Places of Residence: Saybrook, Conn.; Stratfield, Conn. - arrived 1748.[2]

married: Olive Wakelee[3], born: June 1735; died: 23 Sept. 1803 - Stratfield, Conn.; buried: Old Burying Ground (Poquonnock) - Stratfield, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(730) 1. EZRA KIRTLAND [JR.], born: 1752/53; died: 27 Dec. 1799 - Stratfield, Conn.

married: Sarah Wheeler

(731) 2. Zebulon Kirtland, born: 1755; died: 2 Jan. 1803 - Stratfield, Conn.; buried: Old Burying Ground (Poquonnock) - Stratfield, Conn.
married: Elizabeth Cook, born: 1752; died: 5 Jan. 1842; buried: Old Burying Ground (Poquonnock) - Stratfield, Conn.[4]

[1]"Registration of Pedigrees - WILLARD". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.* LIV (Apr., 1923), 192. Same citation for footnote: 4.

[2]*Ibid.* Ezra, according to this source, " ... was a blacksmith and lived in that portion of Stratfield that is now included within the limits of the City of Bridgeport, owning a farm on the Golden Hill road, afterwards called Washington Avenue." *(Ibid.).*

[3]*Ibid.* Olive was the daughter of Zebulon and Tabitha (——) Wakelee of Stratfield, Conn. *(Ibid.).*

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362. SIMON WILLARD

[Ephram Willard[d], Simon Willard[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1744; died: 1829[1]; Military Service: American Revolution.[2]

married: Sarah Robbins, born: 1751; died: 1834.

CHILD:

(732) 1. EPHRAM WILLARD, born: 1772; died: 1813.
married: Lucy Griswold[3]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* V. 1933. p. 361. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2]*Ibid.* Simon served on the sloop, *Anne*, during the Revolution. *(Ibid.).*

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365. NATHANIEL MEIGS

[Janna Meigs (Lt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah

(Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 6 Aug. 1729; 2nd marriage: Jan. 1752; Places of Residence: Sunderland, Vt.; Guilford, Vt.

1st marriage: _____ [1]
2nd marriage: Azenath Bishop[2]

CHILDREN:

(733) 1. BENJAMIN STONE MEIGS, born: 8 Oct. 1753 - Guilford, Conn.; died: 17 Aug. 1835 - Highgate, Vt.
married: Roxalanz B. Chittenden

(734) 2. Phineas Meigs, born: 19 May 1755; died: 1755.

(735) 3. Anne (Meigs) Bradley, born: 13 Aug. 1757; married: 29 Sept. 1779.[3]
married: Gilbert Bradley[4]

(736) 4. Azubah Meigs, born: 26 Sept. 1759.[5]

(737) 5. Timothy Meigs, born: 1761.[6]

(738) 6. DANIEL BISHOP MEIGS, born: 1763; died: 1849.[7]
married: Hulda Brownson[8]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 516; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 21.

[2] *Ibid.* -- Azenath was the daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Stone) Bishop. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 307). -- Azenath's father [Daniel] was from East Guilford, Conn. (*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 516).

[3] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnotes: 5, 7.

[4] *Ibid.* Gilbert was the son of Joseph and Sybil (Meigs) Bradley. *(Ibid.)*.

[6] *Ibid.* Timothy was unmarried. *(Ibid.)*.

[8] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 307.

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369. JANNA MEIGS

[Janna Meigs (Lt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 17 Feb. 1739[1]; married: 16 Jan. 1764[2]; Place of Residence: Salisbury, Conn.[3]

married: Rebecca Whiting[4], Place of Residence: Wallingford, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(739) 1. Lucina (Meigs) Daniels, born: 8 Mar. 1765; died: 24 Jan. 1849.
married: David Daniels, Places of Residence: Salisbury, Conn.; Deerfield, Ohio.[5]

(740) 2. Lurania (Meigs) Palmeter, born: 21 Jan. 1768.
married: William Palmeter

(741) 3. Rebecca (Meigs) Ives, born: 23 Mar. 1770; died: 24 June 1850.
married: George Anson Ives, Place of Residence: Norfolk, Conn.

(742) 4. Julius Meigs, born: 1 Dec. 1771; died: 31 Jan. 1849.

(743) 5. Whiting Meigs, born: 21 Sept. 1775; died: 11 Oct. 1855.[6]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 516; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 13.
[2] *Ibid.*
[3] *Ibid.*; *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 21.
[4] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 21. Rebecca was the daughter of Benjamin Whiting [Deacon] of Wallingford, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.
[5] *Ibid.*
[6] *Ibid.*, p. 22.

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372. SETH MEIGS

[Janna Meigs (Lt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 11 Mar. 1746[1]; Military Service: American Revolution[2]; Place of Residence: Albany, N. Y.[3]

married: Jemina Von Boskerk[4]

CHILD:

(744) 1. John Meigs, born: 27 Dec. 1784; died: 20 Aug. 1864.[5]

[1] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 13.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 22. Seth served in the 1st and 2nd Regiments of the New York Line, and the 8th Regiment of Militia of Albany

County, N. Y. *(Ibid.)*.

[3] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 5.

[4] *Ibid.* Jemima was the widow of William Van Loan of Athens, N. Y. *(Ibid.)*.

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384. JEHIEL MEIGS [CAPT.]

[Jehiel Meigs (Capt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 6 July 1743[1]; married: 4 Jan. 1764[2]; died: 27 Dec. 1776[3]; Military Service: American Revolution[4]; Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.[5]

married: Abigail Meigs[6], born: 1742; died: 1825.

CHILDREN:

(745) 1. Phineas Meigs, born: 22 Jan. 1769; died: 7 Apr. 1851.

(746) 2. Lucretia (Meigs) Conklin, born: 25 May 1771; died: 12 Jan. 1849.
married: Usher Conklin, Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.

(747) 3. Fanny Meigs, born: 23 Mar. 1774[7]; died: 10 Sept. 1845.[8]

[1] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 14. Same citation for footnote: 3.

[2] *Ibid.*, pp. 22. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 7.

[4] *Ibid.* Jehiel was an ensign at Lexington Alarm. He served 5 days. He also served as a captain in the 7th Regiment Infantry, under Col. Andrew Ward. He enlisted, May 14, 1776. *(Ibid.)*.

[6] *Ibid.* Abigail was the daughter of Capt. Phineas Meigs. *(Ibid.)*.

[8] *Ibid.* Fanny was unmarried. *(Ibid.)*.

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386. DANIEL MEIGS [SERGT.]

[Jehiel Meigs (Capt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 24 July 1747; died: 12 May 1822[1]; Military Service: Sergeant, Lexington Alarm - American Revolution; Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.

1st marriage: Chloe Scranton, died: 19 May 1788.

CHILDREN:

(748) 1. Artemesia (Meigs) Hand, born: 25 Feb. 1770; died: 11 Oct. 1812.
married: Daniel Hand

(749) 2. Jonathan Meigs, born: 14 Sept. 1771; died: Mar. 1861.

(750) 3. Jehiel Meigs, born: 6 Apr. 1777; died: 3 Apr. 1812.

(751) 4. Daniel Meigs [Jr.], born: 9 Apr. 1779; died: 9 Aug. 1826.

2nd marriage: Millicent Hopson, died: 12 Apr. 1828; Place of Residence: North Madison, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(752) 5. Son [Name Unknown], born: 2 Feb. 1791; died: 2 Feb. 1791.

(753) 6. William Meigs, born: 27 Apr. 1792; died: 21 May 1792.

(754) 7. Harry Meigs, born: 5 July 1793; died: 16 Nov. 1793.

(755) 8. Deborah Hopson Meigs, born: 4 Nov. 1794; died: 12 Sept. 1796.

(756) 9. Deborah Hopson (Meigs) Webb, born: 24 May 1797; died: 7 Dec. 1859.
married: Reynold Webb [Dr.], Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.[2]

[1] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 14.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 23.

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387. ELIHU MEIGS

[Jehiel Meigs (Capt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 21 Sept. 1749; died: 9 Sept. 1827[1]; Place of Residence:

East Guilford, Conn.

married: Elizabeth Rich, died: 1 Sept. 1826.

CHILDREN:

(757) 1. Benjamin Hart Meigs, born: 23 Jan. 1772; died: 16 July 1774.
(758) 2. John Meigs, born: 27 Nov. 1773; died: 14 Aug. 1848.
(759) 3. Lucy (Meigs) Conklin, born: 28 Sept. 1775; died: 5 Mar. 1852.
married: Gamaliel Conklin
(760) 4. Benjamin Hart Meigs, born: 28 Dec. 1777.
(761) 5. Elihu Meigs [Jr.], born: 21 Jan. 1780; died: 23 May 1806.
(762) 6. Lovisa Meigs, born: 17 Jan. 1782; died: 15 Aug. 1801.
(763) 7. Josiah Meigs, born: 23 May 1784.
(764) 8. Edmund Meigs, born: 3 Oct. 1786; died: 20 Apr. 1856.[2]
(765) 9. Elizabeth (Meigs) Frasier, born: 10 May 1790.
married: Joseph Frasier
(766) 10. Lucretia Meigs, born: 31 Aug. 1792; died: 31 July 1847.
(767) 11. Bezaleel Ives Meigs, born: 4 Aug. 1794; died: 26 Sept. 1870.[3]

[1] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 14.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 23.
[3] *Ibid.*, p. 24. -- Lovisa and Lucretia were unmarried. (*Ibid.*, pp. 23, 24).

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393. RETURN JONATHAN MEIGS [COL.]

[Return Meigs (Lt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 17 Dec. 1740; 1st marriage: 14 Feb. 1764[1]; 2nd marriage: 22 Dec. 1774[2]; died: 28 Jan. 1823[3]; Military Service: American Revolution[4]; Occupation: Federal Agent to the Cherokee Indians - Tenn.; Places of Residence: Middletown, Conn.[5]; Marietta, Ohio.[6]

1st marriage: Joanna Winborn, died: 30 Oct. 1773[7]; Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(768) 1. RETURN JONATHAN MEIGS [GOV.], born: 17 Nov. 1764 - Middletown, Conn.; died: 29 Mar. 1825 - Marrietta [sic], Ohio; Public Offices: Judge - Supreme Court of Ohio; U. S. Senator; Governor of Ohio [1810-1814]; Postmaster General of the United States [Cabinet of President James Madison, 1817-1823]
married: Sophia Wright

(769) 2. Joanna (Meigs) Hand, born: 21 Oct. 1766; married: 28 Sept. 17__.
married: Janna Hand, Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.

(770) 3. Mary (Meigs) Miner, born: 12 Jan. 1769; died: 1799.
married: ——— Miner [Rev.][8]

(771) 4. JOHN MEIGS, born: 9 Mar. 1771; died: 4 July 1808.[9]
married: Parthenia Clendinen[10]

2nd marriage: Grace Starr, died: 10 Oct. 1807 - Hiawassee, Tenn.; Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.

CHILDREN:

(772) 5. Elizabeth Meigs, born: 22 Nov. 1775; died: 22 Dec. 1775.

(773) 6. Richard Montgomery Meigs, born: 4 Oct. 1777; died: 22 July 1785.

(774) 7. Timothy Meigs, born: 28 Sept. 1782; died: 1815.[11]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 513. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave the year of his birth as, "1740" and the year of his first marriage as, "1764". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303.

[2] *Ibid*. Same citation for footnotes: 8, 11.

[3] *Ibid*. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave the year of his death as, "1823". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303). -- According to the book, *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*, Colonel Return Meigs died at "Hiawassee Garrison". (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 24).

[4] *Ibid*. Prior to the Revolution, Return was a member of the Connecticut Colonial Militia. From the rank of Ensign, he rose to Captain. His military exploits during the Revolution were many. He took part in the march to Boston on the "Lexington Alarm". His military experience was soon recognized, and he was promoted to the rank of colonel. He served in the 6th Connecticut Infantry. He was captured, "in the assault by Arnold on Quebec". Later, he

participated in the Battle of Stony Point. In recognition of his valuable service to the nation at the Battle of Sagg Harbor, the American Congress presented him with a sword. In 1780, he helped to quell the insurrection among some of the Connecticut troops. *(Ibid.)*.

[5] *Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303.

[6] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303. According to this source [published in 1942], "the old Meigs house still stands." *(Ibid.)*.

[7] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 513. -- the *Compendium* ... also gave the year of Joanna's death as, "1773". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303).

[9] *Ibid*. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave John's year of birth as, "1771" and his year of death as, "1808". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303).

[10] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 303.

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395. GILES MEIG [CAPT.]

[Return Meigs (Lt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 29 Oct. 1744; 1st marriage: 13 Oct. 1768; 2nd marriage: 8 June 1777; died: 7 Nov. 1824; Military Service: Lieutenant - 23rd Conn. Regiment.[1]

1st marriage: Experience Allen, died: 25 Sept. 1775.

CHILDREN:

(775) 1. Elizabeth Meigs, born: 14 July 1769.
(776) 2. Giles Meigs [Jr.], born: 14 Feb. 1771; died: 14 Oct. 1775.
(777) 3. Hannah Meigs, born: 13 Apr. 1772; died: 8 July 1779.
(778) 4. Lucy (Meigs) Southmayd, born: 26 Feb. 1775. married: Allen Southmayd, Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.

2nd marriage: Anne [Anna] Pinto, died: 25 Sept. 1835.

CHILDREN:

(779) 5. Anna (Meigs) Boardman, born: 19 Mar. 1778. married: Joseph Boardman, Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.
(780) 6. Giles Meigs [Jr.], born: 22 July 1779; died: 12 Sept. 1822.

(781) 7. Hannah Meigs, born: 27 Sept. 1781
(782) 8. Sally (Meigs) Rand, born: 22 Jan. 1783.
married: Richard Rand, Place of Residence: Middletown, Conn.
(783) 9. Mehitable (Meigs) Porter, born: 13 Oct. 1786; died: 1875.
married: Noah Porter, Place of Residence: Farmington, Conn.[2]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 513.
[2] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 25.

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400. JOHN MEIGS [MAJOR]

[Return Meigs (Lt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[C], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 12 Nov. 1753; married: 18 Jan. 1781; died: 24 Nov. 1826; Occupation: Soldier[1]; Military Service: American Revolution[2], War of 1812[3]; Place of Residence: New Hartford, Conn.[4]

married: Elizabeth Henshaw[5], died: 5 Mar. 1847.

CHILDREN:

(784) 1. Return John Meigs, born: 30 Aug. 1782; died: 10 Aug. 1851.
(785) 2. Benjamin Henshaw Meigs, born: 27 Mar. 1784; died: 11 Dec. 1818.
(786) 3. Elizabeth Lord Meigs, born: 8 Dec. 1785; died: 28 Apr. 1792.
(787) 4. Richard Montgomery Meigs, born: 8 Aug. 1787; died: 12 Jan. 1884.
(788) 5. Sarah Maria (Meigs) Williams, born: 28 Mar. 1789; died: 25 Mar. 1865.
married: Erastus Williams [Dr.]
(789) 6. Esther Lopez (Meigs) Lusk/Lee, born: 24 Feb. 1791; died: 18 Mar. 1865.
1st marriage: Solomon Lusk
2nd marriage: Thomas Lee
(790) 7. Joseph Henshaw Meigs, born: 18 May 1793; died: 21 Oct. 1880.
(791) 8. George Lord Meigs, born: 28 Feb. 1796; died: 23 Nov. 1857.[6]

[1] *Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 514. -- According to one source, [Major] John Meigs was born, "Nov. 21, 1753". (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 15.

[2] *Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 26. John was a lieutenant in Caleb Bull's Company and a captain in Col. S. B. Webb's 3rd Regiment. *(Ibid.)*.

[3] *Ibid.* John served as lieutenant, captain, and brigade major in the Regular Army. *(Ibid.)*.

[4] *Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 6.

[5] *Ibid.; Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 514.

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401. JOSIAH MEIGS

[Return Meigs (Lt.)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 21 Aug. 1757; married: 1782; died: 4 Sept. 1822[1]; Military Service: American Revolution[2]; Occupation: Professor-Yale College[3]; 1st President - University of Georgia; Commissioner-General Land Office, Washington, D. C.[4]; Place of Residence: Washington, D. C.[5]

married: Clara Benjamin[6], died: 13 Aug. 1849.[7]

CHILDREN:

(792) 1. Henry Meigs, born: 28 Oct. 1782; died: 20 May 1861.

(793) 2. Clara (Meigs) Forsyth, born: 18 Sept. 1784; died: 17 July 1853.
married: John Forsyth, Place of Residence: Georgia; Occupation: U. S. Secretary of State [under Presidents Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren]

(794) 3. Julia Meigs, born: 1 Apr. 1787; died: 26 Oct. 1787.

(795) 4. Samuel William Meigs, born: 1 Dec. 1788; died: 21 July 1818.[8]

(796) 5. CHARLES DELUCENA MEIGS, born: 19 Feb. 1792 - Bermuda; died: 22 June 1869.[9]
married: Mary Montgomery[10]

(797) 6. Lea Meigs[11], born: 19 May 1794 - at sea; died: May 1794.

(798) 7. Julianna Meigs, born: 18 July 1795; died: 18 July 1808.

(799) 8. Ezra Stiles Meigs, born: 8 Aug. 1801; died: 1842.

(800) 9. John Benjamin Meigs, born: 8 June 1808; died: 18 Dec. 1898.[12]

[1]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 514. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave his year of birth as, "1757", his year of marriage as, "1782", and his year of death as, "1822". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26).

[2]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26. Same citation for footnote: 7.

[3]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 514. -- Josiah received his B. A. degree from Yale in 1778. (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26). -- *Colonial Families* incorrectly gave his year of graduation from Yale as, "1738" [a typographical error]. (*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 514).

[4]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26.

[5]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 8.

[6]*Ibid.* Clara was the daughter of Col. John Benjamin of Stratford, Conn. *(Ibid.)*.

[7]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 26.; *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26.

[9]*Colonial Families*. II. 1911. p. 514. -- The *Compendium* ... also gave Charles' year of birth as, "1792", and his year of death as, "1869". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26).

[10]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. VII. 1942. p. 26.

[11]*Ibid.*, p. 515. -- According to one source, the infant's name was, "Sea". (*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 27).

[12]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 27).

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403. EUNICE (BISHOP) JOYCE

[Esther (Meigs) Bishop[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 11 Nov. 1736 ; married: 1754.

married: William Joyce[1]

CHILD:

(801) 1. **LUCY (JOYCE) BUSHNELL, born: 10 Nov. 1767; died: 9 Oct. 1841 - Waitsfield, Vt. married: Doud Bushnell[2]**

[1]*Descendants of John Bishop*. 1951. p. 27.
[2]*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. 1945. p. 201.

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406. HANNAH (BISHOP) BISHOP/DUDLEY

[Esther /Hester/ (Meigs) Bishop[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 11 Apr. 1743[1]; 1st marriage: "11. 19. 1764"[2]; 2nd marriage: Sometime after 1788.[3]

1st marriage: James Bishop[4], born: 1732; died: 1788.

CHILD:

(802) 1. JAMES BISHOP [JR.], born: 2 Oct. 1765; died: 1823.
married: Mary Ann Shields[5]

2nd marriage: David Dudley[6]

[1]*Descendants of John Bishop.* 1951. pp. 27, 229.
[2]*Ibid.*, p. 235.
[3]Assumption based on the date of James Bishop's death. *(Ibid.).*
[4]*Descendants of John Bishop.* 1951. pp. 27, 229, 235. James was the son of James Bishop, the grandson of Stephen Bishop, and the great grandson of John Bishop. James Bishop [1732-1788] and Hannah [his wife] were cousins. (*Ibid.*, p. 235).
[5]*Ibid.*, p. 229.
[6]*Ibid.*, p. 27.

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417. TIMOTHY MEIGS [JR.]

[Timothy Meigs (Deacon)[d], Hannah (Willard) Meigs[c], Hannah (Hosmer) Willard[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 2 Mar. 1751; died: 13 Nov. 1827[1]; Place of Residence: East Guilford, Conn.

married: Elizabeth Stone, died: 23 May 1842.

CHILDREN:

(803) 1. Mary (Meigs) Hart, born: 2 May 1775.
married: Benjamin Hart

(804) 2. John French Meigs, born: 2 Aug. 1776; died: 15 Apr. 1836.

(805) 3. Elizabeth (Meigs) Hall, born: 25 Dec. 1778.
married: John Morse Hall

(806) 4. Hannah (Meigs) Wilcox, born: 18 Mar. 1782.
married: Curtis Wilcox[2]

(807) 5. Abigail Meigs, born: 23 Jan. 1785.

(808) 6. Son [Name Unknown], born: 23 Jan. 1785; died: 23 Jan. 1785.[3]

(809) 7. Anna Statira Meigs, born: Feb. 1791; died: 2 Nov. 1791.[4]

[1]*Descendants of Vincent Meigs*. 1935. p. 15.
[2]*Ibid.*, p. 27. Same citation for footnote: 4.
[3]*Ibid.* Abigail and her unnamed brother were twins. *(Ibid.)*.

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418. WILLIAM BEAUMONT

[Samuel Beaumont [Jr.]^{d}, Hester (Buckingham) Beaumont^{c}, Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1725; married: 1747; died: 1812; Place of Residence: Lebanon, Conn.

married: Sarah Everett, born: 1721; died: 1813; Place of Residence: Windham, Conn.

CHILD:

(810) 1. ISAIAH BEAUMONT, born: 1757; died: 1837.
married: Fear Alden[1]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 50.

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419. JEDEDIAH BUCKINGHAM

[Thomas Buckingham [Jr.]^{d}, Thomas Buckingham^{c}, Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 20 Jan. 1727 - Saybrook, Conn.; married: 20 May ____; died: 9 July 1809 - Columbia, Conn.[1]

married: Martha Clark[2]; Place of Residence: Columbia, Conn.[3]

CHILDREN:

(811) 1. Sarah Buckingham, born: 1753; died in infancy.
(812) 2. THOMAS BUCKINGHAM, born: 1755.
married: Tryphena Hibbard
(813) 3. Joshua Buckingham, born: 1757.
(814) 4. Mary Buckingham, born: 1757.
(815) 5. Jedediah P. Buckingham, born: 1758.
(816) 6. Sarah Buckingham, born: 1761.
(817) 7. Stephen Buckingham, born: 1763.
1st marriage: Mary Dorrance
2nd marriage: Polly Brewster
(818) 8. Esther Buckingham
(819) 9. Martha Buckingham[4]
(820) 10. NANCY ANNA (BUCKINGHAM) DORRANCE, born: 1767[5]; died: 2 Feb. 1834.[6]
married: Benjamin Dorrance [Col.][7]

[1]Letter, Mrs. Gretchen Hosmer to Ronald Roberts, Jan. 15, 1976. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6.

[2]*Ibid.* Martha was the granddaughter of Capt. William and Hannah (Strong) Clark of Northampton, Mass., and the great granddaughter of Lt. William Clark. *(Ibid.)*.

[3]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 567.

[5]Letter, Mrs. Gretchen Hosmer to Ronald Roberts, Jan. 15, 1976. -- The *Compendium* ... gave her name as, "Nancy Ann". (*Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 567).

[7]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 567.

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420. EBENEZER BUCKINGHAM

[Stephen Buckingham^{d}, Daniell Buckingham^{c}, Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1748; died: 1824; Military Service: Revolutionary War.

married: Esther Bradley

CHILD:

(821) 1. ALVAH BUCKINGHAM, born: 1791; died: 1867.
married: Anna Hale[1]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 62.

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421. HOSMER BUCKINGHAM

[Nathan Buckingham^{d}, Hezekiah Buckingham^{c}, Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1761; married: 1790.

married: Lilly Snow

CHILD:

(822) 1. RICHARD BUCKINGHAM, born: 1797.
married: Minerva Tiffany[1]

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. I. 1925. p. 906.

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422. NATHAN SOUTHWORTH

[Temperance (Kirtland) Southworth^{d}, Temperance (Buckingham) Kirtland^{c}, Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham^{b}, Thomas Hosmer^{a}, Stephen Hosmer^{A}, James Hosmer^{B}]

born: 1735.

married: Hannah Wheeler

CHILD:

(823) 1. TEMPERANCE (SOUTHWORTH) PRATT, died: 1842.
married: Ezra Pratt[1]

[1] *Compendium of American Genealogy*. IV. 1930. p. 435.

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424. SAMUEL DOTY STILLMAN [CAPT.]

[Sarah (Doty) Stillman^{d}, Anne (Buckingham) Doty^{c},

Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 28 Nov.[1] 1731[2]; married: 1757; died: 1772; Military Service: Train Band, 1757.[3]

married: Susannah Lord[4], born: 1734; died: 1759.

CHILD:

(824) 1. HANNAH (STILLMAN) MAY, born: 1771; died: 1840.
married: James May[5]

[1]"Records of Wethersfield, Conn." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XX (Apr., 1866), 128.
[2]*Ibid.; Compendium of American Genealogy.* IV. 1930. p. 476.
[3]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* IV. 1930. p. 476. Same citation for footnote: 5.
[4]*Ibid.* Susannah was the daughter of [Capt.] Samuel and Hannah (Watrous) Lord. *(Ibid.).*

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425. SAMUEL DOTY [JR.]

[Samuel Doty[d], Anne (Buckingham) Doty[C], Hester (Hosmer) Buckingham[b], Thomas Hosmer[a], Stephen Hosmer[A], James Hosmer[B]]

born: 1736; married: 1758; died: 1810; Military Service: American Revolution; Place of Residence: Stephentown, N. Y.[1]

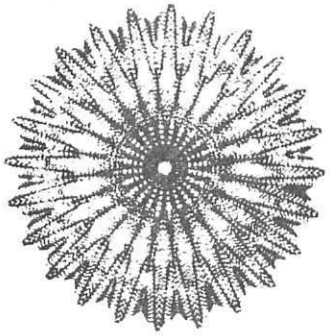
married: Mercy Doty[2], born: 1738.

CHILD:

(825) 1. WARREN DOTY, born: 1768; died: 1807.
married: Sarah Wood[3]

[1]*Compendium of American Genealogy.* V. 1933. p. 121. Same citation for footnote: 3.
[2]*Ibid.* Mercy was the daughter of Benjamin and Hester (Beman) Doty. *(Ibid.).*

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RELATED FAMILIES

SELDEN
BUSHNELL
QUYNELL
PRENTISS
GRIGGS
GRAVES
MORGAN
MERRY

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It is one of nature's ways that we often feel closer to distant generations than to the generation immediately preceding us.

-- IGOR STRAVINSKY

(*Conversations with Igor Stravinsky*, 1959)

THE "SELDEN" SURNAME

- Origin -

The composite nature of this name would seem to indicate two areas of origin.[1] According to the "Continental" theory, the first component, "sel–", is clearly Teutonic.[2] The origin of the second component, "–den", is, unfortunately, more difficult to assign.[3] It may be of local invention [England][4], or it may have come originally from the Continent, possibly from an Indo-European source.[5]

- Movement -

The name first saw use in Southeastern England[6], in the area now known as Sussex[7] and Kent.[8] By the end of the 13th century, the name had spread to Warwickshire and Leicestershire.[9] Its appearance in the New World came in 1635 with the arrival of Thomas Selden[10] to Massachusetts.[11] The following year, Thomas Selden brought the surname to Connecticut.[12]

- Historical Occurrences -

Name	Date	Place
Ansell de Seleden	Reign: Henry III [1216–1272] Reign: Edward I [1272–1307]	Warwickshire & Leicestershire
John Selden	1600	Sussex[13]

Note: For additional examples, see: "Selden" Chart.

- Meaning & Derivation -

Theory I - Continental Origin

1. selihus = A large one room building - Old Saxon, Old High German[14]
2. sal = "a room, dwelling" - Old High German[15]

3. sal = "hall, seignorial residence", a one-room assembly hall - Old High German

4. seli = "a building consisting of one large room" - Old Saxon

5. sel, sele = "a dwelling, mansion, palace, hall" - Anglo-Saxon

Comparative European Forms
(past & present)

salr = "a dwelling" - Old Norse
salian = verb, "to find shelter" - Gothic
salithwos = "lodging, guest chamber" - Gothic
salo = "a[n] estate, farm" - Old Slavonic
sal = "a dwelling" - Modern Swedish, Modern Danish[16]
sal = "room, hall" - Modern Norwegian[17]
salon = "drawing room" - Modern German[18]

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sala = a hall - Late Latin[19]
sala = hall - Modern Italian[20]
salle = "hall, room"[21]; "a house room" - Modern French[22]
salon = "parlor, living room" - Modern French[23]
sala = "living room, parlor, large room" - Modern Spanish[24]
sala = "room" - Modern Portuguese[25]

Theory II - English Origin

6. Selkeden = The name of a place or farm located in the manor (or township) of Ecclesden, parish of East Angmering, Hundred of Poling, Rape of Arundel, County Sussex.

This place existed in name as early as the 12th century. "Selkeden", the original form of the name, was composed of two Anglo-Saxon words: selk [meaning, "silk" or "silken"] + dene [meaning, "a wooded vale"].

A specific kind of moss (*Polytrichum commune*), known to the early English as, "selkewode", has interestingly enough, a decidedly silky appearance. It has been suggested that the place, "Selkeden" [in Sussex] was so named because it was, "a wooded vale overrun with silkwood.[26]

7. Selden, Seldon = "of Selden"[27]

8. Selden, Seldon, Seldom = "Dweller in a valley where willow trees grew"

9. Selden, Seldon, Seldom = "one who came from Salden (hill with a ledge)," in Buckinghamshire[28]

10. Seldon = "of Seldon", a place in Devonshire

11. sele - dun = "hill with a house" - Old English[29]

[Second Component]

12. dhen = "flattened place, flat of the hand" - Indo-European base

13. denn = "lair, pasture" - Anglo-Saxon. Similar to the German dialectic word, denn, meaning, a "place where grass is trodden down". See Example 12 above.[30]

14. denn = "a den, a lair of wild animals" - Anglo-Saxon

15. den, denne = "a den, lair"- Middle English[31]

16. den = "a valley" - Anglo-Saxon[32]

17. den = "a narrow glen, a gully; a dell" - Modern English[33]

- Spelling Variations -

Selden[34]
Seldin[35]
Seldon[36]
Seleden *[37]

Selkeden *
de Selkeden *
atte Selkeden *
Sellen
Silkeden *[38]

* Note: Obsolete forms[39]

- Evolution -

This name is remarkable in that it has remained virtually intact since its inception. The only noticeable change has been a letter substitution, "o" for "e" -- Seldon to Selden.[40] If one accepts the English place name theory, the name underwent only slight modification. The "-ke-" portion was eliminated,[41] probably for phonic considerations.[42] Thus, according to this theory, the name changed from, "Selkeden"[43] to "Seleden"[44] to "Selden".[45]

- Estimated "Selden" Population, 1790 -

1790 = 133 Individuals[46]

- "Selden" Distribution By State, 1790 -

Connecticut	=	11 Households
Massachusetts	=	7 Households
Virginia	=	5 Households
Total		23 Households[47]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 39, 42.

[2]Mary Selden Kennedy. *Seldens of Virginia and Allied Families*. I. New York: Frank Allaben Genealogical Company, 1911. p. 8. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 14, 16, 22.

[4]*Selden Ancestry*. 1932. Chapter I. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 26.

[5]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*. College Edition. 1962. p. 391. Same citation for footnote: 30.

[8]Mark Antony Lower. *A Dictionary of the Family Names of the United Kingdom*. New York: Heraldic Publishing Co. Inc., 1967. p. 308. Mr. Lower wrote that this surname [Selden], " ... was originally borrowed from one of the many dens of Kent of E. Sussex." *(Ibid.)*.

[9]Bardsley. *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. p. 676; Kennedy. *Seldens of Virginia and Allied Families*. I. p. 8.

[10]"Edwin Van Deusen Selden". *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. XVI. 1918. p. 164. -- The compilers of *Selden Ancestry* wrote: "Thomas Selden, it is believed, came, if not with his cousin [Thomas Hosmer], at least before 1636, and before he was twenty years old." (*Selden Ancestry*. Chapter I.).

[11]Assumed. Most settlers to New England, prior to 1640, disembarked in Massachusetts. (The Author).

[12]"Edwin Van Deusen Selden". *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. XVI. 1918. p. 164. According to this source, Thomas Selden, " ... was one of the original settlers at Hartford, Conn., in 1636" *(Ibid.)*. -- The compilers of *Selden Ancestry* wrote: "He [Thomas Selden] undoubtedly marched with the Rev. Mr. Hooker in 1636 from Cambridge, Mass.". (*Selden Ancestry*. Chapter II).

[13]Bardsley. *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. p. 676. Same citation for footnotes: 27, 37.

[15]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*. College Edition. 1962. p. 1287.

[17]Jan W. Dietrichson and Orm Øverland. *Gyldendals Lommeordbøker: Engelsk-Norsk [,] Norsk-Engelsk*. 5th Edition. Oslo, Norway: Gyldendal Norsk Forlag, 1965. p. 389.

[18]*Seven Language Dictionary*. Edited by David Shumaker. New York: Avenel Books, 1978. p. 178.

[19]*Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language*. 1979. p. 1600.

[20]*Seven Language Dictionary*. 1978. p. 398.

[21]*Ibid.*, p. 83. Same citation for footnote: 23.

[24]*Ibid.*, p. 757.

[25]*Ibid.*, p. 508.

[28]E. Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names*. 1973. p. 459.

[29]*Surnames Are The Fossils of Speech*. Compiled by Samuel L. Brown. [no publisher or place of publication given], 1965. p. 281.

[31]*Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language*. 1979. p. 484. Same citation for footnote: 33.

[32]Pauline Pearce Warner. *Some Descendants of Thomas Selden and a facsimile of an Ancient Selden Family Tree*. Illustrations by Sidney E. King. Handwritten Edition. Photocopied. Tappahannock, Virginia: Pauline Pearce Warner, Publisher. 1967. p. 38. Hereinafter cited as, *Descendants of Thomas Selden*.

[34]*Selden Ancestry*. 1932; E. Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names*. 1973. p. 459.

[35]Observations of the Author. Same citation for footnote: 40.

[36]E. Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names*. 1973. p. 459. -- In 1790, there were 6 households in Connecticut with the "Seldon" spelling. (Author's count from 1790 Connecticut census index).

[38]*Selden Ancestry*. p. 13. Same citation for footnotes: 41, 43, 45.

[44]Assumption. See footnote 13.

[46]In 1790, the average household in the United States contained 5.79 persons. (*Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970*. Part I. Bicentennial Edition. 1975. p. 41). See next footnote.

23 Households X 5.79 persons/household = 133.17 persons

[47]Author's count from various state census indexes. States not listed, did not contain "Selden" households.

THE "SELDEN"/"SELKEDEN"/"SELEDEN" FAMILY

The following direct-line chart is based on an original chart compiled by the eminent Boston genealogist, J. Gardner Bartlett, after extensive research. It is believed to be accurate, but some of the earlier links are based on circumstantial evidence. The compilers of *Selden Ancestry* noted:

> The ancestry of the American family has been traced with apparent certainty in each generation from William Selkeden of Horton in Upper Beeding, born about 1485, died there in 1549. He was without question descended from the early "de Selkedens" of Ecclesden, less than ten miles distant; but the exact connection can at present be only conjectured
>
> (*Selden Ancestry*. p. 16)

SOURCES - "SELDEN" CHART:

1.) Warner. *Descendants of Thomas Selden*. 1967. pp. 2, 38-40.

2.) *Selden Ancestry*. 1932. pp. 12-16, 18-23, + charts.

3.) *Compendium of American Genealogy*.
III. 1928. p. 414;
V. 1933. p. 783.

4.) "Edwin Van Deusen Selden". *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. XVI. 1918. p. 164.

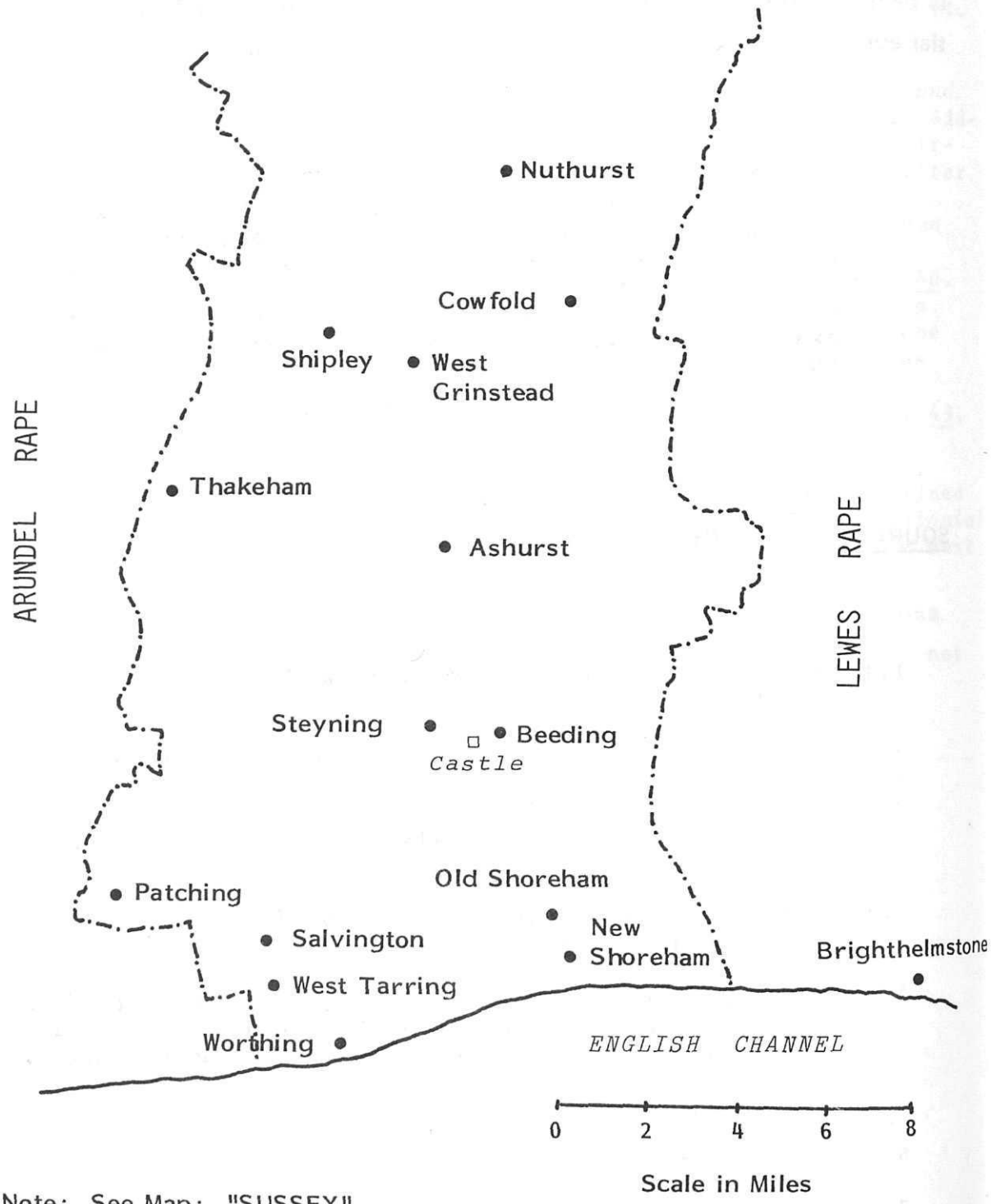
5.) *Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. pp. 2, 5, 8 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Apr., 1858), 174 and (July, 1858), 196, 198.

6.) G. L. Hosmer. *Hosmer Genealogy*. 1928. p. 11.

7.) J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family*. 1861. p. 12.

Area Surrounding

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX



* Note: See Map: "SUSSEX"

THE "SELDEN"/"SELKEDEN"/"SELEDEN" FAMILY

JOHN de SELKEDEN

(born: about 1210; Place of Residence: Ecclesden, Sussex, England)

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WILLIAM de SELKEDEN

(born: 1235; died: prior to 1308)
(Place of Residence: Ecclesden, Sussex, England) †
(Fines: 1256, 1271; Subsidy Rolls, Sussex - 1296)

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Agatha (———)

(born: about 1239; died: 1329 [age: 90])

RICHARD de SELKEDEN	William de Selkeden	John de Selkeden
(born: about 1260) (Place of Residence: Ecclesden, Sussex) (Subsidy Rolls, Sussex, 1296, 1327, 1332)	(born: about 1265) (Subsidy Rolls - 1332)	(born: about 1270) (Occupation: Priest) ‡

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WILLIAM de SELKEDEN

(born: about 1290; Place of Residence: Ecclesden, Sussex, England)
(Subsidy Rolls, Sussex - 1332; Assize Rolls - 1344)

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ROBERT de SELKEDEN

ROBERT de SELKEDEN - [Cont.]

(born: about: 1320)
(Occupation: Transporter of Goods) §
(Place of Residence: Ecclesden, Sussex, England)
(Patent Rolls, Sussex - 1370)

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JOHN de SELKEDEN

(born: about 1350; Place of Residence: Ecclesden, Sussex, England)
(Court Rolls - 1401/02)

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RICHARD atte SELDEN

(born: about 1380; Common Pleas Rolls - 1412)

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——— SELKEDEN

[Christian name unknown]
(born: about 1405)

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THOMAS SELKEDEN — Ralph Selkeden

(born: about 1430; died: 1504)
(Place of Residence: Tarring, Eng.)
(Tarring Court Rolls - 1490, 1504)

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WILLIAM SELKEDEN — Thomas Selkeden

(Continued)

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Anne (——)

WILLIAM SELKEDEN - [Cont.]

(born: about 1455; Place of Residence: Tarring, Sussex, England)
(Tarring Court Rolls - 1504; Subsidy Rolls - 1523) ¶

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Agnes (——)

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WILLIAM SELKEDEN

(born: about 1485 - Sele (or Selden), Upper Beeding, Sussex, England)
(buried: 10 Apr. 1549 - Churchyard of Sele, Upper Beeding, Sussex)
(married: about 1510)
(Place of Residence: Horton in Upper Beeding [or Sele], Sussex)
(Subsidy Rolls, Horton in Upper Beeding - 1523, 1543)

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Alice (———)

(buried: 6 Apr. 1551 - Churchyard of Sele, Upper Beeding, Sussex)

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WILLIAM SELKEDEN

(born: 1512)
(buried: 4 Oct. 1557 [or 1551] - Churchyard of Upper Beeding)
(married: 1540)

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Marian (——)

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OTHER CHILDREN

- Richard Selkeden
- Alice Selkeden
- John Selkeden
- Elizabeth Selkeden

Richard Selden ★

(born: about 1542)
(died: 1583)

WILLIAM SELDEN

(born: about 1548)
(married: 25 June 1576 - Ticehurst, Sussex)
(Places of Residence: Ticehurst, Sussex, 1576-1580; Wadhurst, Sussex)
(Court Rolls, Hammerden Manor in Ticehurst - 1583; Fines - 1611)

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Mary Appes

(died: 29 Oct. 1617 - Wadhurst, Sussex)

Daughters

- 2 (Names Unknown)

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(Continued)

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WILLIAM SELDEN - [Cont.]

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Mary Appes

OTHER CHILDREN

- Richard Selden
 bp. 3 Nov. 1577 - Ticehurst, Sussex
- Mary Selden
 bp. 24 Oct. 1579 - Ticehurst, Sussex
 married: William Beecher
- William Selden
 b. about 1590 - Parish of Wadhurst, Sussex

DOROTHY SELDEN

(born: about 1582)
(died: 5 Feb. 1640)

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Stephen Hosmer

SEE "HOSMER" SECTION
Generation "A" - # 3

JOHN SELDEN

(born: 1585 - Wadhurst, Sussex)
(married: 24 Nov. 1612 - Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Wadhurst, Sussex)
(Place of Residence: Wadhurst, Sussex)

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Mary Ballock

(bp. 14 Mar. 1585/86 - Wadhurst, Sussex)

OTHER CHILDREN

- William Selden
 bp. 7 Oct. 1613
 bur. 1 May 1663
 mar. 5 June 1638
 mar.: Mary Dane
- Edward Selden
 b. 1615
- John Selden
 bp. 15 Aug. 1619
- Richard Selden
 bp. 10 Feb. 1621/22
- Robert Selden
 bp. 13 Mar. 1624/25
- Mary Selden
 bp. 21 Oct. 1627
- Joseph Selden, bp. 27 Dec. 1629
- Francis Selden, bp. 7 Oct. 1632
- Nicholas Selden, bp. 29 Jan. 1636/37

THOMAS SELDEN ▲

(bapt.: 17 Mar. 1616 - Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Wadhurst, Sussex)
(married: 1643/44)
(died: Sometime after 14 Aug. 1655) ♦
(Arrival in America: about 1635)
(Public Office: Constable - Hartford, Conn. - 1650)
(Places of Residence: Wadhurst, Sussex, England; Hartford, Conn. - 1636)

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Hester Wakeman

7 Children

NOTES FROM "SELDEN" CHART

† Records indicate that on Nov. 26, 1255, William de Selkeden pressed his claim to a house and adjacent property in Sidlesham, Sussex [a village four miles south of Chichester].

William also put in his claim to two houses and twenty acres of land in Chichester in 1271.

William died sometime around 1308. In that year, Agatha, the "late wife of William de Selkeden" put in her claim.

‡ Father John de Selkeden was Rector of the Chapel of Wodeston, Diocese of Chichester, Sussex. He was listed in the Subsidy Rolls of 1332.

§ A licence issued to Robert de Selkeden on June 18, 1370, allowed him to load 200 quarters of grain [corn] at the ports of Seaford and Shoreham and to deliver said grain to Southampton.

¶ According to a contemporary source: " ' ... came William Selden, son and heir of Thomas Selkeden and Agnes, his wife, who surrenders a cottage and garden called Shipcombes in Salvington to the use of Nicholas Marche.' "

★ In 1572, Richard and his mother bought property in the manor of Hammerden, in the "adjoining parish of Ticehurst". Richard died leaving no children. His estate was inherited by his brother, William

▲ Thomas Selden was Thomas Hosmer's first cousin. Thomas Selden's father (John Selden) and Thomas Hosmer's mother (Dorothy Selden) were brother and sister.

♦ Thomas Selden's will was dated, 14 Aug. 1655. His estate was inventoried at £ 292. 3s. 4d. on Dec. 1655. See will. Note: Thomas Selden was one of the original proprietors of Hartford. His home lot was located near the present junction of Washington and Lafayette Streets.

NOTES - SOURCES:

1.) *Descendants of Thomas Selden.* pp. 38, 39

and,

2.) *Selden Ancestry.* pp. 18-21.

3.) *The Memorial History of Hartford County* ... I. p. 258.

THE "BUSHNELL" SURNAME

- Origin -

The name, or perhaps more correctly the first component of it, is probably Teutonic in origin as similar forms appear in several Germanic languages for example: busc - Old High German[1]; bosch - Dutch; and, buskr - Old Norse.[2] The second component, "— nell"[3] (originally from the Old English word, hyll[4]) is, seemingly, native to England although even this may belie a Teutonic root.[5] It is interesting to note that the Middle Dutch words, hille, hil, and hul, resemble closely the Middle English words, hil, hulle, and helle (from which the modern English word, "hill", derives).[6]

- Movement -

Early movements are unclear. It is known, however, that in the 1500's the name appeared in Berkshire[7], a county south and west of London.[8] The name came to America in 1635 when five brothers[9] bearing the surname, arrived in Massachusetts. They and their progeny spread the name to the colony of Connecticut.[10] For all practical purposes, the family name - for the next 155 years (1635-1790) - remained within the confines of New England.[11]

- Historical Occurrences -

TUDOR ROLL - 1524: BERKSHIRE COUNTY, ENGLAND

Town	Name
Englefield	William Bushenell
Sulham	Thomas Bushenell
	John Bushenell
	William Bushenell
Sulhamstead Abbots	Thomas Bushenell
	Robert Bushenell
Thatcham	William Busshenell
Tilehurst	Joan Busshenell (widow)
	William Busshenell[12]

WILLS - PROVED AND ADMINISTRATIONS GRANTED IN THE COURT OF THE ARCHDEACON OF BERKSHIRE:

Year	Name	Residence
1542	Robert Bushnell	Sulhampstead Abbots
1546	John Bushnell	Tilehurst
1562	Joan Bushnell	Bucklebury
1564	William Bushnell	Sulhampstead Abbots
1568	Thomas Bushnell	Theale
1569	Richard Bushnell	Sulham
1573	Thomas Bushnell	Stratfield Mortimer
1583	Richard Bushnell	Sulham
1593	Nicholas Bushnell	Thatcham
1598	John Bushnell	Sulhampstead Abbots
1609	John Bushnell	Hampstead Marshall
1610	William Bushnell Sr.	Thatcham
1615	Alice Bushnell	Sulham
1618	William Bushnell	Tilehurst
1623	Roger Bushnell	Thatcham
1625	Richard Bushnell	Tilehurst
1625	Francis Bushnell Sr.	Thatcham[13]

- Meaning & Derivation -

1. A person who inhabits a "bushy slope or corner". -- English[14]
2. bushen + hal - A union of two Middle English words: buschen = "bushy"; and, hal = "hill", thus, "bushy hill".[15]
3. bussh, bosch, bosk [first component] = "a bush, thicket". -- Middle English[16]
4. busc [first component] = "a bush, thicket, wood". -- Old High German[17]
5. busk [first component] = "a bush, shrub". -- Danish[18]
6. hil, hyl - Middle English, from: hyll = "a hill" -- Anglo-Saxon [Old English][19]

- Spelling Variations -

Bushell
Bushenell
Bushnal
Bushnall
Bushnel
Bushnell[20]
Bushnoll
Bushnul[21]
Busnill[22]
Busshenell
Busshenelle[23]

- Evolution -

The Middle English adjectives, busch and its plural form buschen are, according to one source, the roots of our modern word, "bush".[24] The connection is not difficult to see -- busch, buschen / "bush".[25] Other Middle English forms of this word -- bussh, bosch, bosk -- also illustrate this kinship.[26] As for the second component of this union, — nell, it appears to have evolved in the following manner:

gel	Indo-European[27]
hyll	Anglo-Saxon [Old English]
hil, hyl[28], helle, hulle[29]	Middle English*
hill	Modern English[30]

*Note: These Middle English forms are not necessarily in chronological order. Some may have been used concurrently.

The fusion of these two components produced a further modification. It seems reasonable to assume that the letter substitution of n for h came purely as the result of phonic considerations (Bushnell [and its predecessors] sounding softer than Bushhill). The "Bushnell" spelling also eliminated the need for the use of a double consonant.[31]

The original forms of the surname may have been, Busseuille, Busseville, or Bussenille - later modified to "Busshenelle". A tax list from the year 1380 lists a, John atte Busshenelle, living in Berkshire. For approximately the next 100 years, the name appeared either as, "Busshenell" or "Bushenell". From the 17th century on, the name acquired several spellings: "Bushnal", "Bushnall", and, "Bushnell" -- the later eventually becoming the accepted form.[32]

- Estimated "Bushnell" Population in America -

1650	=	25 Individuals[33]
1790	=	336 Individuals[34]

- "Bushnell" Distribution By State, 1790 -

Connecticut	=	47 Households
Massachusetts	=	4 Households
Vermont	=	4 Households
New York	=	2 Households
North Carolina	=	1 Household
	Total	58 Households[35]

- Rank Among American Surnames, 1964 -

Unranked. Not among the top 2000 surnames in the United States[36]

[1]*Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language.* Unabridged. 1979. p. 245. Same citation for footnotes: 16, 18, 26.

[2]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language.* College Edition. General Editors: David B. Guralnik, Joseph H. Friend. New York: The World Publishing Company, 1962. p. 197.

[3]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 8, 25, 31.

[4]*Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language.* 1979. p. 860. Same citation for footnotes: 19, 28, 30.

[6]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language.* 1962. pp. 686, 687.

[7]*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* p. 12.

[9]*Ibid.*, p. 25.

[10]*Ibid.*, pp. 29, 31, 34.

[11]See, " 'Bushnell' Distribution By State, 1790 ".

[12]*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* pp. 12, 13.

[13]H. Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island.* II. p. 530.

[14]E. Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names.* p. 68.

[15]Henry Harrison. *Surnames of the United Kingdom: A Concise Etymological Dictionary.* Reprint. Two Volumes in One. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1969. p. 61. Same citation for footnotes: 17, 22, 24. Hereinafter cited as, *Surnames of the United Kingdom.*

[20]*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* p. 11.

[21]*Heads of Families At the First Census of the United States Taken In the Year 1790: Connecticut.* U. S. Census Bureau. Reprint. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1966. p. 167 [index].

[23]*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* pp. 10-14.

[27]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language.* 1962. p. 687.

[29]*Ibid.*, p. 686.

[32]*Bushnell Family Genealogy.* pp. 10, 11.

[33]The estimate for 1650 is based on family listings in:

1.) *Bushnell Family Genealogy.* 1945. pp. 25, 29-37.

and,

2.) H. Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island.* 1939. pp. 515-521.

[34]In 1790, the average household in the United States contained 5.79 persons. (*Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.* Part I. Bicentennial Edition. Washington, D. C.: Bureau of the Census, 1975. p. 41.

58 Households X 5.79 persons/household = 335.82 persons.

[35]Author's count from various state census indexes. States not given had no Bushnell(s) listed.

[36]E. Smith. *American Surnames.* 1969. pp. 301-326. All unranked surnames in 1964 had an estimated population of less than 14,201.

THE GUILFORD COVENANT

June 1639

We whose names are heere vnder written intending by Gods gracious pmission to plant our selues in new england & if it may be in the Southerly p̃t about Quinnipyack we doe faithfully promise each to other for o^{r}selves & our familyes & those that belong to vs that we will the Lord asistinge vs sit doune & Joyne o^{r}selves together in one entire plantac̃on & to be helpfull each to other in any common worke according to every mans abillitie & as neede shall require & we promise not to desert or leve each other or the plantac̃on but with the Consent of the rest or the greater p̃t of the Company who have entered into this ingagement as for o^{r} gathering togather in a Church way & the Choyse of officers and members to be Joyned to gether in that way we doe refer o^{r} selves vntill such time as it shall please God to settle vs in o^{r} plantac̃on in wittnesse whereof we have subscribed o^{r} handes this first day of June 1639[1]

[signed]

Robert Richell, John Bishop[2], ffraunces Bushnel[3], William Crittenden, William Leete, Thomas Jones, John Jurden, William Stone, John Hoadley, John Stone, William Plane, Richard Sutridge, John Housinger, William Dudley, John Parmelee, John Mepham, Thomas Norton, Abraham Crittenden, Francis Chatfield, William Noble, Thomas Neish, Henry Kingston, Henry Doude, Thomas Cooke, Henry Whitfield[4]

The Guilford Covenant or, as it is sometimes referred to, "The Plantation Covenant" was written aboard the *St. John*, in open seas, approximately ten days after the group's departure from England.[5] Like the Mayflower Compact, 19 years earlier, the Guilford Covenant was an affirmation of unity and a pledge to help one another in times of need.

[1]H. Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island*. II. 1939. p. 526. Mr. Seversmith retained the original spelling and forms.

[2]*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. 1945. p. 22. Same citation for footnote: 4.

[3]H. Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island*. II. 1939. p. 526. Note: This is the actual spelling of Francis Bushnell's name on the Covenant.

[5]*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. 1945. p. 25.

THE "BUSSHENELL"/"BUSHENELL"/"BUSHNELL" FAMILY

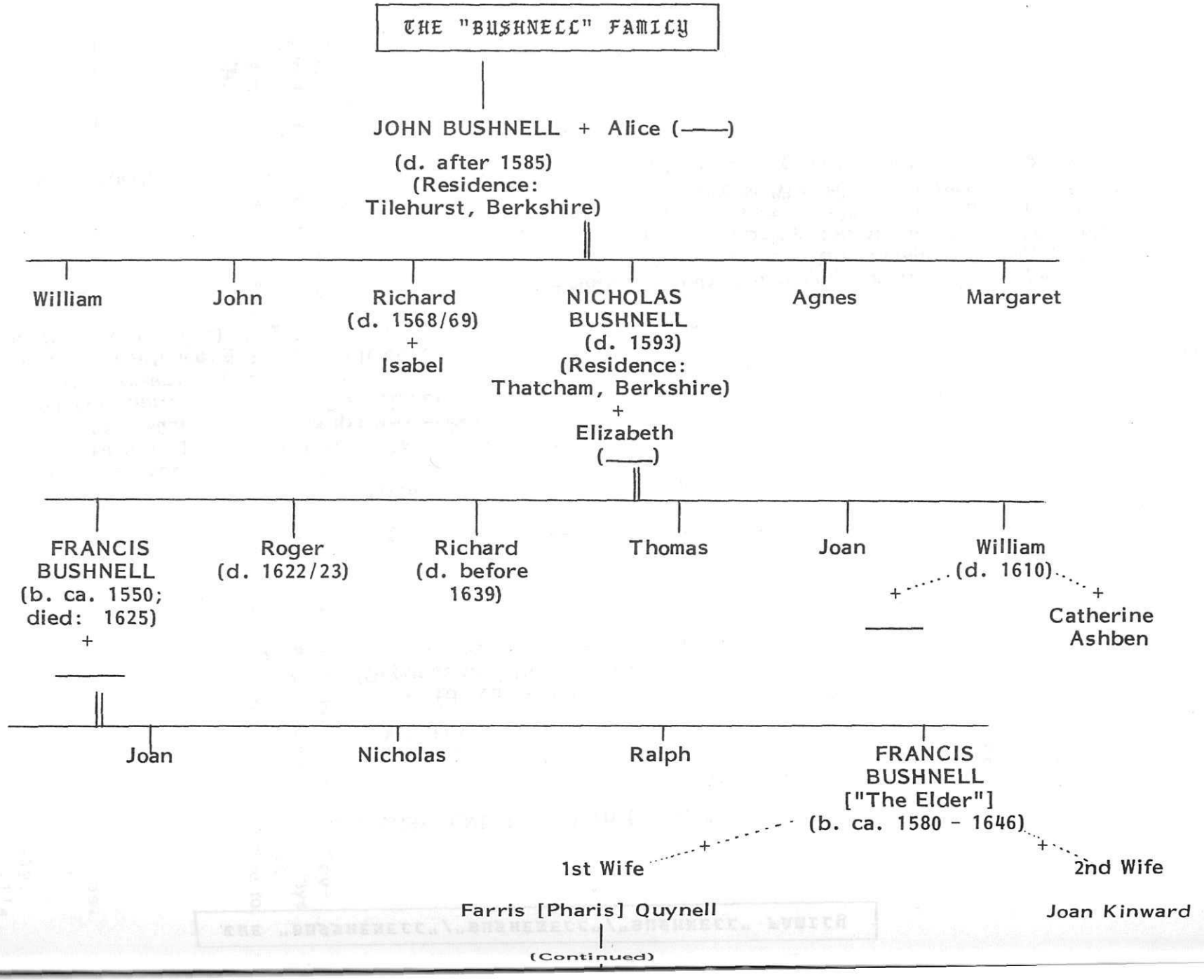
—— BUSSHENELL + Joan (——) *

WILLIAM BUSSHENELL
(d. ca. 1564)
(Occupation: Husbandman)
(Place of Residence: Tilehurst, Berkshire)
+
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JOHN BUSSHENELL [BUSHENELL] (d. after 1585) (Occupation: Husbandman) (Place of Residence: Tilehurst, Berkshire) + Alice (——)	William (d. 1564) (Place of Residence: Sulhampstead Abbots, Berkshire) + Elizabeth	Alice	Joan

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* Note: William Busshenell may have been the son of the widow Joan Busshenell, who was mentioned in the Subsidy Roll of Ticehurst, Berkshire, dated, 15 Jan. 1524. It is interesting to note that one of William's daughters was named "Joan". (*Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 14).


THE "BUSHNELL" FAMILY
JOHN BUSHNELL + Alice (——)
(d. after 1585)
(Residence:
Tilehurst, Berkshire)
William
John
Richard
(d. 1568/69)
+
Isabel
NICHOLAS
BUSHNELL
(d. 1593)
(Residence:
Thatcham, Berkshire)
+
Elizabeth
(——)
Agnes
Margaret
FRANCIS
BUSHNELL
(b. ca. 1550;
died: 1625)
+
——
Roger
(d. 1622/23)
Richard
(d. before
1639)
Thomas
Joan
William
(d. 1610)
+
——
+
Catherine
Ashben
Joan
Nicholas
Ralph
FRANCIS
BUSHNELL
["The Elder"]
(b. ca. 1580 - 1646)
1st Wife
+
Farris [Pharis] Quynell
+
2nd Wife
Joan Kinward
(Continued)

THE "BUSHNELL" FAMILY
(Cont.)

SEE "QUYNELL" CHART

FRANCIS BUSHNELL ["The Elder"] (b. ca. 1580 - d. 1646) + **Ferris [Pharis] Quynell** (1587 - 1627/28)

(Occupation: Artisan)
(Places of Residence: Thatcham, Berkshire; Horsham, Sussex - arrived ca. 1600; Guilford, Connecticut, 1639-1646)
Arrival in America: 2nd week in July, 1639 - New Haven
Vessel: *St. John*

- **Edmund** (1606-1635/36) Vessel: *True Love* + Martha Hallor
- **FRANCIS BUSHNELL [Deacon]** (1608-1681) Vessel: *The Planter* Occupation: Carpenter, Millwright + Mary Grombridge
 - **Mary** (1632-1634)
 - **Elizabeth** (1633/34-1672) + William Johnson
 - **Martha** (b. ca. 1637) + Jonathan Smith
 - **Sarah** (b. ca. 1639) + Joseph Ingham
 - **John** (b. ca. 1641) + Sarah Scranton
 - **Mary** (b. c. 1643) + Samuel Jones
 - **HANNAH BUSHNELL** (b. ca. 1645) + Stephen Hosmer
 - **Samuel** (1747 - 1689) + 1st: Susannah Waddams; 2nd: R. Sanford
- **William** (1610/11-1683) + Rebecca Chapman
- **Stephen** (1612-1624/25)
- **John** (1614-1667) Vessel: *The Hopewell* + Jane
- **Thomas** (1617 - 1617)
- **Mary** (1618-1628/29)
- **Rebecca** (1621) + John Lord
- **Richard** (1623-59) + Mary Marvin
- **Sarah** (1625-1693) + John Hoadley
- **Elizabeth** (1627/28-1627/28)

SOURCE: *Bushnell Family Genealogy*. p. 10-33.
Colonial Families of Long Island. p. 514-516.

THE "QUYNELL" SURNAME

- Origin -

Authorities disagree as to the origin of this name.[1] According to one source, the name was native to England.[2] Another, reported that it was borrowed from the Normans and was in use in England well before the Conquest.[3] While a fairly uncommon name today[4], it was, according to the noted authority, Charles Bardsley, " ... [in England] fairly popular for three centuries in both the Danish as well as the Norman dress."[5] Still another expert in the field suggested that the name came from France.[6]

- Movement -

The name originated or took root in central England. The first recorded examples of the name occurred in Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, and Norfolk. By the early part of the 17th century, the name had drifted as far south as Surrey.[7]

- Historical Occurrences -

Name	Date	Place
Cvenild	1086	Gloucestershire[8]
Richard fil Qwinild	-	-
Thomas Qwinild[9]	-	-
Quenilda	-	Lincolnshire
William Quenell	1201	Somerset
Quenill	1221	Warwickshire
Quenilla [Quenild]	1221	Norfolk[10]
Thomas Quenild	1273[11], 1275[12]	Norfolk[13]
Alicia Quenild	-	Buckinghamshire[14]
Richard Quynel	1286	Yorkshire[15]
Henry Quynell [Quannell]	1554	Horsham, Sussex[16]
Robert Quennell [Quennyl]	1602	Surrey
Peter Quennell	1621	Surrey[17]

- Meaning & Derivation -

1. Cwēnhild = "woman-war" - Old English[18]
2. Quennell, Quinnell = "the son of Quenilda or Quenild" from the Norman name, "Gunnilda" - Norman[19]
3. Quesnel = Oak, Oakes - French[20]

- Spelling Variations -

Quenell
Quennell
Quinnell[21]
Quynell[22]

- Evolution -

The name has seen only minor modifications in its spelling. Among these minor changes are: 1.) the elimination of the trailing "d" [Quenilda, Quenild]; 2.) the letter substitution - in some forms of the name - from "e" to "y"; and, 3.) the elimination of the double consonant "nn" [Quennell, Quinnell]. The major characteristics of the name, however, remained intact. The "Qu-" beginning and the "-ell" ending have remained virtually untouched through the centuries.[23]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 23.

[2]P. H. Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. 1970. p. 264. Same citation for footnotes: 8, 10, 12, 15, 18.

[3]Charles Wareing Bardsley. *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames: With Special American Instances*. Revised For the Press By His Widow. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968. p. 630. Same citation for footnotes: 5, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19. Hereinafter cited as, *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.

[6]*Ibid.* For this information, Mr. Bardsley relied on "Mr. Lower". *(Ibid.)*. Same citation for footnote: 20.

[7]See footnotes: 8-17.

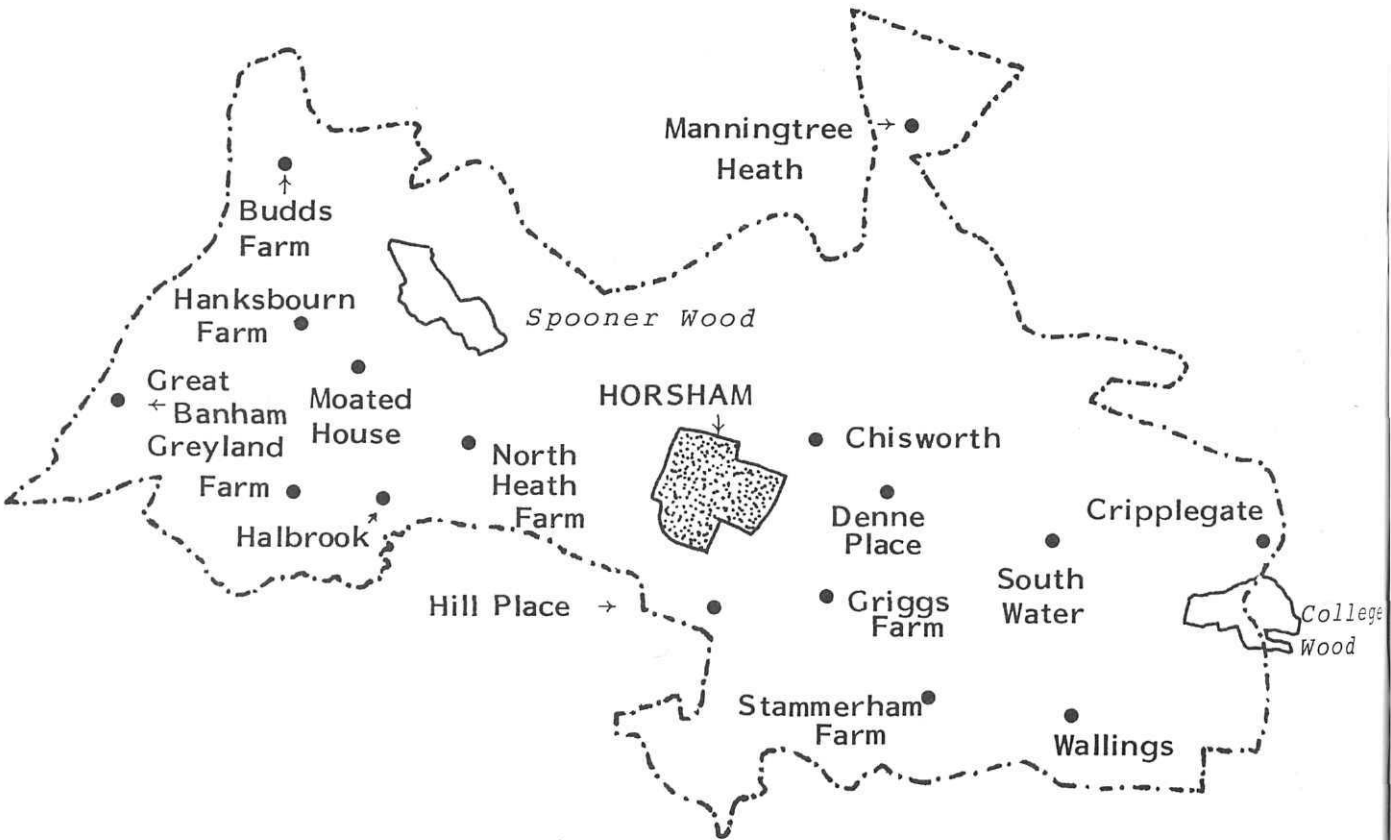
[13]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. p. 264; Bardsley. *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. p. 630.

[16]H. Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island*. II. 1939. p. 532. Same citation for footnote: 22.

[21]*Ibid.*, p. 533; Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. p. 264.

PARISH OF

HORSHAM



*Note: See Map: "SUSSEX"

THE "QUYNELL" FAMILY

HENRY QUYNELL + ———

(buried: 11 Aug. 1554 - Horsham, Sussex, England) †

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HENRY QUYNELL ‡

+

———

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HENRY QUYNELL

(married: 30 Jan. 1585/86 - Horsham, Sussex; buried: 18 May 1615 - Horsham, Sussex)

+

Beatrix Carter

‖

FERRIS [PHARIS] QUYNELL §

(baptized: 17 Apr. 1587 - Horsham, Sussex; buried: 10 Mar. 1627/28 - Horsham, Sussex)

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Francis Bushnell ["The Elder"]

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SEE "BUSHNELL" CHART

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SOURCE: H. Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island*. 1939. II. pp. 531, 532.

NOTES FROM "QUYNELL" CHART

† The will of Henry Quannell was dated, 8 Aug. 1554 and was proved, 6 Oct. 1554. This will is filed in the Deanery of Chichester. Mr. Seversmith gave the citation of this will as, "CCC Volume VIII, fol. 111b".

‡ Horsham and East Grinstead show, for the period 1585 to 1598, that there were 4 marriages involving a Henry or Harrie Quynell [possibly more than one individual with the same name]. Mr. Seversmith gave these as:

At Horsham:

Henry Quynell and Beatrix Carter, 30 Jan. 1585/6
Henry Quynell and Alice Blunden alias Topsaile, 27 June, 1585. This wife was buried 8 May, 1598.
Henry Quynell the elder and Elizabeth Reade, 15 October 1598.

At East Grinstead:

Harrie Quynell and Catharine Owttred, 7 July, 1586.

§ Horsham records show only one child from the marriage of Henry and Beatrix (Carter) Quynell [= Ferris]. This in itself is not significant but it could indicate that Beatrix died early -- possibly the result of child birth. (Assumption - The Author).

SOURCE: H. Seversmith. *Colonial Families of Long Island.* II. 1939. pp. 531, 532.

THE "PRENTISS" SURNAME

- A prentys whilom dwelled in our citee,
And of a craft of vitaillers was hee -

Chaucer, *Canterbury Tales*[1]

- Origin -

Its origins are somewhat murky.[2] That it was used in 14th century England, is a well established fact [records],[3] but, beyond this, concrete data is lacking.[4] From its derivation, however, it is reasonable to speculate that the name came from France.[5]

- Movement -

The direction of movement is difficult to fix.[6] In the 14th century, the name appeared in such diverse areas as, Derbyshire (central England)[7], Somerset (southwestern England)[8], and London (southeastern England).[9] Later, presumably, the name entered Essex - the ancestral home of many American Prentisses. The first to carry the name into the New World was Valentine Prentice [Prentiss], a native of Essex, who settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts in 1631.[10]

- Historical Occurrences -

Name	Date	Place
John Prentiz	1295	Cambridgeshire
Adam Prentys	1297	Cornwall[11]
Thomas Prentys	Reign: Edward I	London[12]
Thomas Prentiz	1318[13]	-
Roger Prentiz	1319	London[14]
William Prentys	Reign: Edward III	Somerset[15]
William de Prentice de Leak	1341[16]	-
Peter Prentiz	1361	Derbyshire[17]
Johannes Prentys	1379[18]	-
John Prentyz	1713, 1723	Yorkshire[19]
Elizabeth Prentise	1778[20]	-

- Early America - Representative Sampling -

Name	Date	Place
Valentine Prentice	1631	Roxbury, Mass.[21]
Henry Prentice	1639	Sudsbury, Mass.
Robert Prentice	1639	Roxbury, Mass.
Capt. Thomas Prentice	1666	Cambridge, Mass.[22]

- Meaning & Derivation -

1. Prentice, Prentiss = "an apprentice". A person bound to a master or craftsman for the specific purpose of learning a trade, profession, or art. - English[23]
2. aprentis = "apprentice" - Middle English, Old French[24]
3. apprentis - Old French[25]
4. aprentis - Middle English; aprentis - Old French[26], derived from the verb, apprendre, to learn[27] [aprendre, to teach][28] which, in turn, derived from the Latin, apprehendere, to seize, take hold of.[29]

- Spelling Variations -

Prentice
Prentis[30] *
Prentise[31] *
Prentiss
Prentiz *
Prentys[32] *
Prentyz[33] *

* Obsolete Forms[34]

- Evolution -

The experts state that the name is an "aphetic" form of apprentice (and the earlier Old French, Middle English form, aprentis).[35] In layman's terms, this simply means that the short first syllable (a, ap) was lost in it development. At the other end, the " — iz" [Prentiz] and " — ys" [Prentys] spellings eventually gave way to the modern ending, " — ice" [Prentice].[36] It was most probably in this form - Prentice - that the name came to America in the 1630's. In this new land, later generations of the name changed the ending to " — iss" [Prentiss]. Today, both forms, " — ice" and " — iss" exist. The descendants of Valentine Prentice prefer the latter form.[37]

Estimated Population, 1790
For Surnames
"Prentice", "Prentis", "Prentiss"

All Spellings = 620 Individuals [38]

Distribution By State, 1790

	Prentice	Prentis	Prentiss
Connecticut	28	0	0
Maine	0	0	1
Massachusetts	39	4	6
New Hampshire	9	0	0
New York	4	1	0
North Carolina	3	0	0
Pennsylvania	1	1	0
Rhode Island	2	0	0
South Carolina	1	0	0
Vermont	2	1	0
Virginia	1	3	0
TOTAL	90	10	7

= 107 Households (all spellings) [39]

- Rank Among American Surnames, 1964 -

("Prentiss" Spelling)

Unranked. Not among the top
2000 surnames in the United States [40]

[1]Harrison. *Surnames of the United Kingdom.*

[2]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 4, 6, 34, 36.

[3]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames.* 1966. p. 259. Same citation for footnotes: 11, 14, 30, 32, 35.

[5]See: "Meaning & Derivation".

[7]*Colonial Families of America.* Issued under the Editorial Supervision of Ruth Lawrence. III. New York: National Americana Society, p. 1. Same citation for footnote: 13.

[8]Bardsley. *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.* p. 620. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 15, 18.

[9]*Ibid.;* Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames.* 1966. p. 259.

[10]*Colonial Families of America.* III. p. 1. -- *Family History of Connecticut* reported: "The first of the name in America was Valentine Prentice, who came over from Nazing, county Essex, England, with the Indian apostle, Eliot, in 1631, ... (*Family History of Connecticut.* I. 1911. p. 314).

[16]*Ibid.; Family History of Connecticut.* I. 1911. p. 314.

[17]*Ibid.* Peter was a member of the House of Commons, from Derbyshire. *(Ibid.).*

[19]*Family History of Connecticut.* I. 1911. p. 314. John Prentyz was, " ... rector of Winterborn Gradston, August 22, 1713, and prebendary of York, North Newhold, which he resigned August 22, 1723." *(Ibid.).*

[20]*Ibid.* Elizabeth married the Earl of Ferra in 1778. *(Ibid.).*

[21]Pope. *Pioneers of Massachusetts.* 1965. p. 372. See Notes - Prentiss Chart.

[22]*Ibid.*

[23]E. Smith. *New Dictionary of American Names.* 1973. p. 407.

[24]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames.* 1966. p. 259; *Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language.* Unabridged. 1979. p. 91.

[25]*Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language.* Unabridged. 1979. p. 91. Same citation for footnotes: 27, 29.

[26]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language.* College Edition. 1962. p. 71. Same citation for footnote: 28.

[31]"The Rev. John Eliot's Record of Church Members, Roxbury, Mass. *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XXXV (Jan., 1881), 24.

[33]*Family History of Connecticut.* I. 1911. p. 314.

[37]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* III. 1860. p. 480. Savage reported: "A portion of the descend[ants] of Henry, changed the last letters for ss, but the distinct[ion] was not for the first hundred yrs. uniform, and Valentine's progeny always used these." *(Ibid.).*

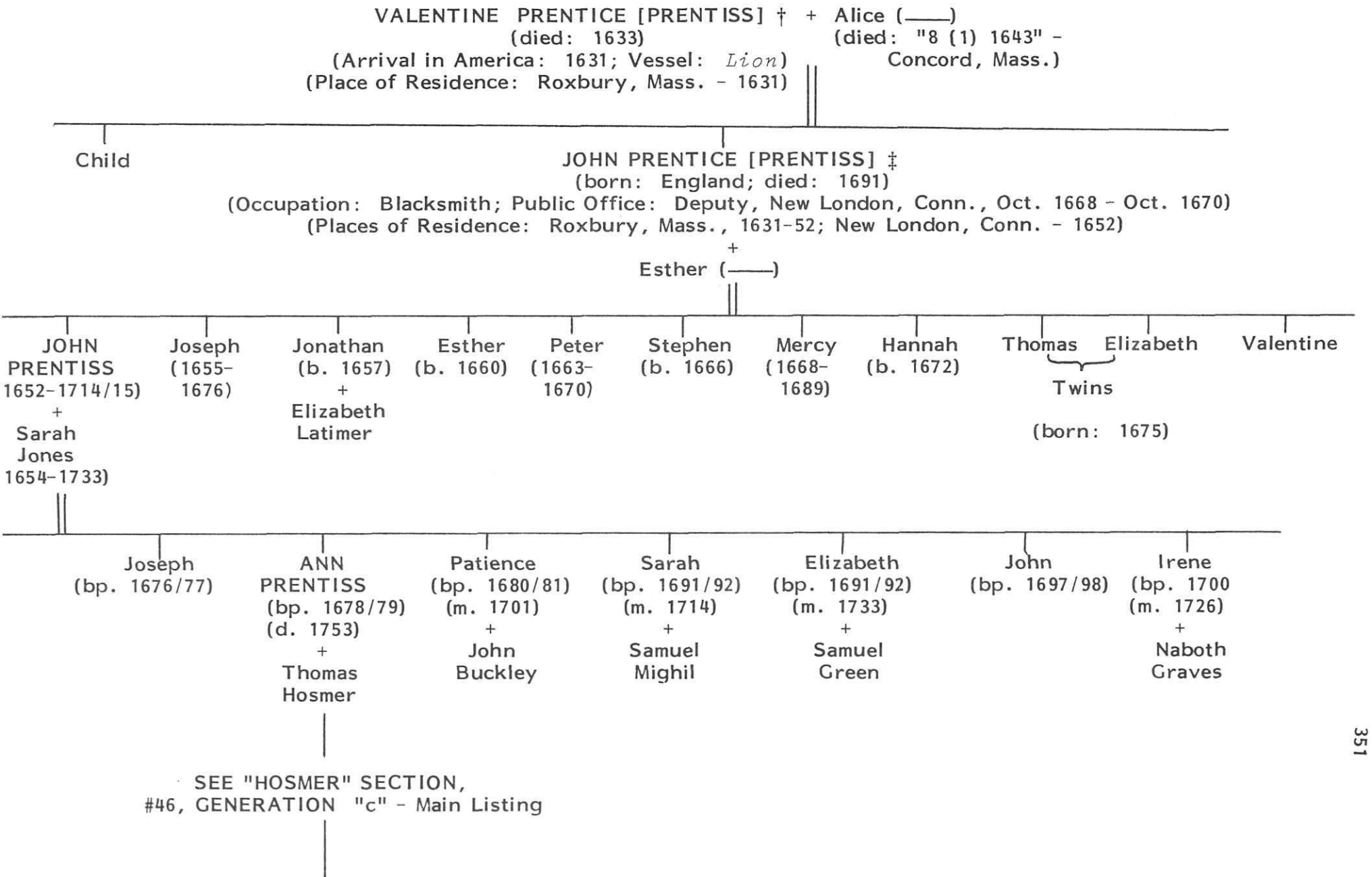
[38]In 1790, the average household in the United States contained 5.79 persons. (*Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.* Part I. Bicentennial Edition. 1975. p. 41. See next footnote.

107 Households X 5.79 persons/household = 620 persons

[39]Author's count from various state census indexes. Only Maryland had no citizens with these surnames. Georgia census missing.

[40]E. Smith. *American Surnames.* 1969. pp. 301-326. All unranked surnames in 1964 had an estimated population of less than 14,201. (*Ibid.*, p. 326).

THE "PRENTISS"/"PRENTIS"/"PRENTICE" FAMILY



SEE "HOSMER" SECTION,
#46, GENERATION "c" - Main Listing

SOURCES - "PRENTISS" CHART

1.) Pope. *Pioneers of Massachusetts*. p, 372.

2.) Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. III. 1860. pp. 478, 480.

3.) *Family History of Connecticut*. I. 1911. p. 314.

4.) *Colonial Families of America*. III. p. 1.

5.) "The Rev. John Eliot's Record of Church Members, Roxbury, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXXV (Jan., 1881), 24.

6.) *List of Officials Civil, Military, and Ecclesiastical of Connecticut from March 1636 Through 11 October 1677 and of New Haven Colony Through its Separate Existence also Soldiers in the Pequot War Who Then or Subsequently Resided Within the Present Bounds of Connecticut*. Compiled by Donald Lines Jacobus. New Haven, Conn.: Roland Mather Hooker for the Publication Committee. 1935. p. 44.

7.) C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family". *N. Y. Historical and Biographical Record*. LII (Jan., 1921), 7.

8.) *Compendium of American Genealogy*. VI. 1937. p. 676.

9.) *Pioneer Families*. p. 22.

10.) *Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639*. Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 27 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XIII. (Apr., 1859), 143.

NOTES FROM "PRENTISS" CHART

† Valentine Prentice [Prentiss] was related to Henry Prentice of Cambridge, Mass. One authority reported:

> The first of the name to arrive in America was Valentine Prentice The second member of the house of Prentice to brave the perils of the New World was Henry Prentice.
>
> (*Colonial Families of America*. III. p. 1)

There is a possibility that Valentine was also related, in some manner, to Robert Prentice, also of Roxbury, Mass., and Captain Thomas Prentice, of Cambridge and Newton, Mass.

(*Family History of Connecticut*. I. 1911. p. 314)

Capt. Thomas Prentice administered the estate of Robert Prentice.

(Pope. *Pioneers of Massachusetts*. p. 372)

Valentine came over with the Indian apostle, Eliot.

(*Family History of Connecticut*. I. 1911. p. 314)

‡ Rev. John Eliot recorded:

> Valentine Prentise. he came to this land in the yeare. 1631. & joyned to the church in the yeare 1632. he brought but one child to the Land, his son John. & buryed anoth^{r} at sea: he lived a godly life, & went through much affliction by bodyly infirmity. & died leaving a good sav' of godlyness behind him.
>
> Allice Prentise the wife of Valentine Prentise after her husbands death, she was married to John watson of this church.
>
> ("The Rev. John Eliot's Record of Church Members, Roxbury, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. XXXV (Jan., 1881), 24).

THE "GRIGGS" SURNAME

- Origin -

The parent form of this name came from ancient Greece.[1]

- Movement -

From ancient Greece, the name - Gregorius - travelled to Imperial Rome.[2] It was particularly favored by the Christians. A number of popes of the early Christian church adopted the name[3], and this may have added to its popularity.[4] From Rome, the name spread throughout Europe and took on a number of spelling variations.[5] The name may have entered England as early as 597 A.D.[6] In that year, St. Augustine [of Canterbury fame] came to England to convert the pagan population.[7] He was sent by Pope Gregory [I, "the Great"][8]. The surname Griggs evolved from Gregory[9] and was totally an English invention.[10] In this form, the name entered America in 1635.[11]

- Historical Occurrences -

Name	Date	Place
Gregory of Neocæsarea	(213?-270?)	Neocæsarea
Gregory of Nyssa	(332?-398)	Nyssa
Gregory of Tours	(538?-593)	[Frankish Historian]- Tours, France
Pope Gregory I	Pontificate: 590-604	Rome
Pope Gregory VII	Pontificate: 1073-1085	Rome[12]
William Grig	Danelaw Period	Lincolnshire, Eng.
Griege, Grigge	1275	Suffolk, Eng.
John Gregge	1282	Essex, Eng.
Warin Grygge	1282	Essex, Eng.
Stephen le Grig	1327	Sussex, Eng.
Robert Grigges	1341	Huntingdonshire, Eng.
John Gregge, Grigge	1343	London, Eng.[13]

- Example: Early America -

George Griggs 1635 Boston, Massachusetts[14]

- Meaning & Derivation -

1. Grēgorios = "Vigilant" (literal translation). From this evolved the meaning, "watchman" - Greek. The name derived from the Greek dilect word, egeirein, meaning, "to awaken".[15]

2. Gregory = " ... derived from the Greek word, gregoreo, from egeiro, to be watchful".[16]

3. Gregorius - Late Latin, borrowed from the Greek name, "Gregorios".[17]

4. Griggs, Grigg = "Descendant of Greg, a pet form of Gregory (watchful)". - English[18]

5. Greg - diminutive of Gregory.[19]

6. grigg(e) = "a diminutive person, a dwarf" - Middle English. Used as a nickname.[20]

- Spelling Variations -

Gregg [21]	Grig
Gregge * [22]	Grigg
Greggs [23]	Griggs
Gricks	Grygge *
Griege *	Grix *

* Note: Obsolete Forms[24]

- Modern Foreign Equivalents -

(personal name: Gregory)

Gregorio	Italian Spanish Portuguese
Grégoire	French
Gregor	German Danish Dutch[25]

- Related Surnames -

Related Surnames
(Cont.)

Gregg	Greyson
Gregory [26]	Grigg
Gregson [27]	Grigson [29]
Greig [28]	Griggson [30]

- Evolution -

The name evolved in a classic manner. From the ancient Greek, "Gregorios" (derived from the Greek dialect word, egeirein), came the Late Latin name, "Gregorius".[31] "Gregory" - name used by 16 popes - evolved from "Gregorius".[32] Much later, "Griggs" evolved from "Gregory", a pet form, an abbreviation of the name. The English made numerous spelling changes to the name and produced several variants in the centuries following its introduction.[33]

- Estimated "Griggs" Population, United States, 1790 -

1790 = 324 Individuals[34]

- "Griggs" Distribution By State, 1790 -

Connecticut	=	13 Households
Massachusetts	=	13 Households
New Hampshire	=	3 Households
New York	=	11 Households
North Carolina	=	7 Households
Pennsylvania	=	1 Household
Vermont	=	1 Household
Virginia	=	7 Households
Total		56 Households[35]

- Rank Among American Surnames, 1964 -

1,238th

- Approximate Number of Persons Bearing "Griggs" Surname
in
the United States, 1964 -

1964 = 22,705 Persons[36]

[1]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language.* College Edition. 1962. p. 636. Same citation for footnotes: 15, 17, 19, 31.

[2]*Ibid.;* Harrison. *Surnames of the United Kingdom.* 1969. p. 174.

[3]*Funk & Wagnalls Standard Family Dictionary.* Charles Earle Funk, Editor. I. New York: Standard Reference Works Publishing Company, Inc., 1961. p. 518. Same citation for footnotes: 12, 25, 32.

[4]The Author. Same citation for footnote: 6.

[5]See, "Modern Foreign Equivalents".

[7]Sir George Clark. *The Illustrated History of Britain.* Edited and With Additional Material by Dr. J. N. Westwood. New York: British Heritage Press, 1982. p. 22.

[8]*Ibid.* -- C. M. Matthews wrote of this historic missionary project: "Gregory the Great was the Pope who saw the English boys in the Roman slave market, and sent Augustine to convert their compatriots" (Matthews. *English Surnames.* 1967. pp. 236, 237).

[9]L. G. Pine. *The Story of Surnames.* Rutland, Vt.: Charles E. Tuttle Co., Inc., 1967. p. 68; Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names.* 1973. p. 196; Matthews. *English Surnames.* 1967. pp. 236, 237.

[10]*Ibid.;* Matthews. *English Surnames.* 1967. p. 237.

[11]"Clarence Griggs". *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography.* XXVIII. 1940. p. 62.

[13]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames.* 1966. p. 146. Same citation for footnotes: 20, 22, 24.

[14]"Clarence Griggs". *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography.* XXVIII. 1940. p. 62. George Griggs was a native of Buckinghamshire, England. He came to America in 1635 and settled in Boston, Massachusetts. *(Ibid.).*

[16]Pine. *The Story of Surnames.* 1967. p. 68. Same citation for footnotes: 21, 23, 29.

[18]Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names.* 1973. p. 196.

[26]Pine. *The Story of Surnames.* 1967. p. 68; Harrison. *Surnames of the United Kingdom.* 1969. pp. 174, 175.

[27]Matthews. *English Surnames.* 1967. p. 237.

[28]Smith. *American Surnames.* 1969. p. 58; Pine. *The Story of Surnames.* 1967. p 68.

[30]Harrison. *Surnames of the United Kingdom.* 1969. p. 175.

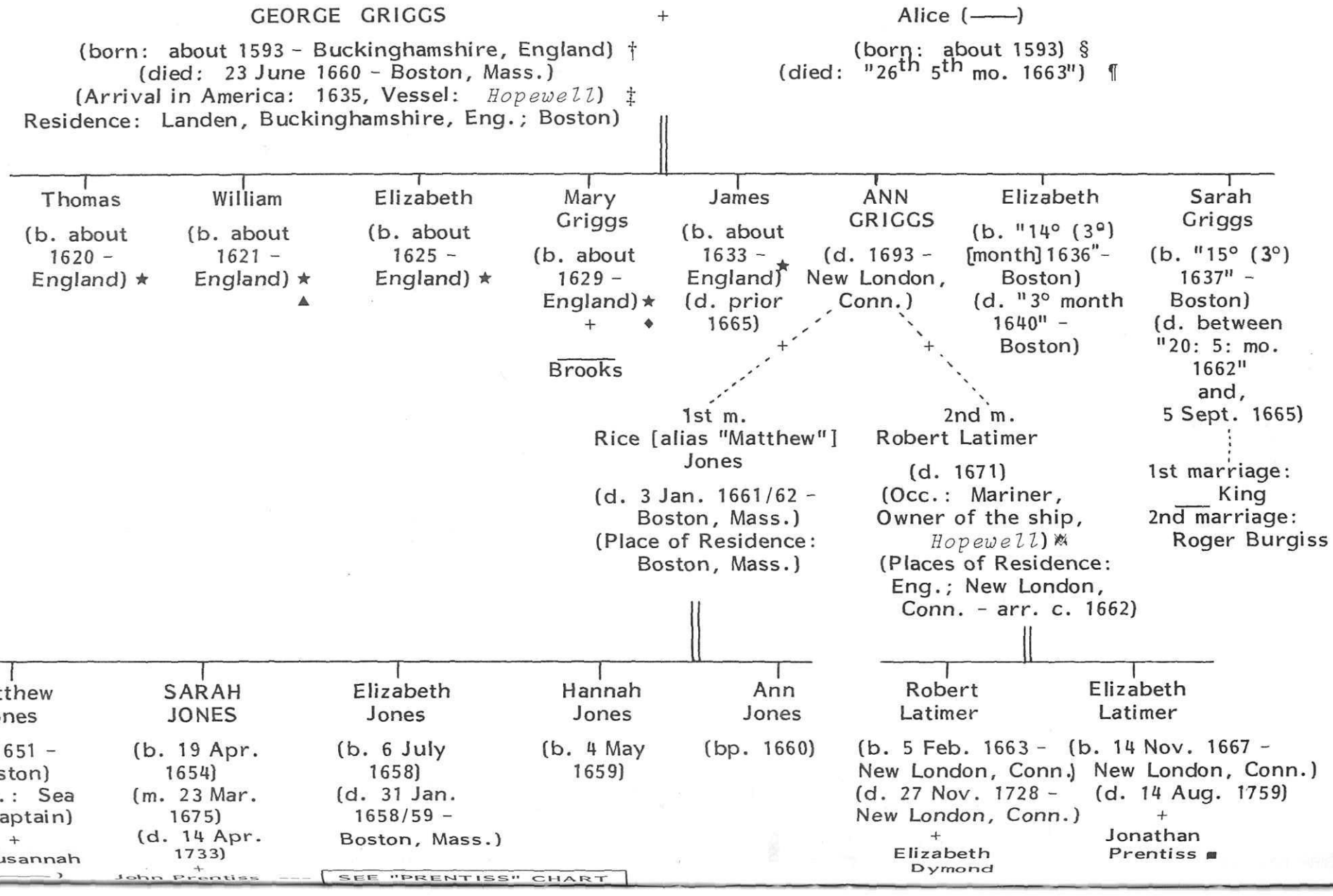
[33]Smith. *American Surnames.* 1969. p. 58.

[34]In 1790, the average household in the U. S. contained 5.79 persons. 56 Households X 5.79 persons/household = 324.24 persons.

[35]Author's count from various state census indexes.

[36]Smith. *American Surnames.* 1969. pp. 301-326.

THE "GRIGGS" FAMILY



SOURCES - "GRIGGS" CHART

1. C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family". Editorial Preface by John R. Totten in *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LII (Jan., 1921), 6.

2. "Clarence Griggs". *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. XXVIII. 1940. p. 62.

3. "Abstracts From the Earliest Wills on Record in the County of Suffolk, Mass." Prepared by Mr. Wm. B. Trask, of Dorchester in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*. IX (Oct., 1855), 343; and, XII (Jan., 1858), 48, 49.

4. Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. II. 1860. p. 315.

NOTES FROM "GRIGGS" CHART

† In 1635, George Griggs was 42 years old [1635 - 42 = 1593].

(C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record*. LII (Jan., 1921), 6).

‡ James Savage reported:

> George Griggs of Boston, came over on the *Hopewell*, Captain Bundocke, in 1635, from London, aged 42, he was of Landen, in Bucks, according to custom house receipts, and embarked April 1, ...
>
> (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. II. 1860. p. 315.

George Griggs was, according to another source, " ... a native of Buckinghamshire, England who came to America in 1635 and settled in Boston, ...".

("Clarence Griggs". *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. XXVIII. 1940. p. 62).

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NOTES FROM "GRIGGS" CHART

(Cont.)

§ In 1635, Alice was 42 years old [1635 - 42 = 1593].

(C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.* LII (Jan., 1921), 6).

¶ As Alice resided in Boston and her will was recorded in Boston, it it reasonable to assume that she died in Boston.

(Assumption).

★ In 1635, Thomas was 15 years old [1635 - 15 = 1620];
William was 14 years old [1635 - 14 = 1621];
Elizabeth was 10 years old [1635 - 10 = 1625];
Mary was 6 years old [1635 - 6 = 1629];
James was 2 years old [1635 - 2 = 1633].

(C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.* LII (Jan., 1921), 6).

▲ It is unclear whether this William and the William that was buried in Boston in 1638 were one and the same person.

(The Author).

♦ Mary probably died sometime between 4 July 1655 and " 20: 5: mo. 1662 ". Mary was mentioned in her father's will [dated "4th July 55"], but was <u>not</u> listed in her mother's will [dated, "20: 5: mo. 1662"].

("Abstract From the Earliest Wills on Record in the County of Suffolk, Mass." *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* IX (Oct., 1855), 343; <u>and</u>, XII (Jan., 1858), 48).

⁂ It is unclear whether this is the same *Hopewell* that George Griggs [Ann's father] came to America on in 1635.

(The Author).

■ John Prentiss and Jonathan Prentiss were brothers.

(C. D. Parkhurst. "Latimer (Lattimore) Family". *N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record.* LII (Jan., 1921), 7).

<u>See</u>: The "PRENTISS" Chart.

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF GEORGE GRIGGS

GEORGE GRIGGS, of Boston. Will. 4: 5 mo. 1655.

Being now sicke; make my wife *Alice* executrix, & doe giue hir my house & ground, with all y^{e} appur^{ces}, y^{e} two acres of land at Long Island, be it more or lesse, as also my household stuffe, dureing her life. After y^{e} decease of my wife it is my will y^{t} my sonne, *James Griggs*, shall haue y^{e} house & ground, with the 2 acres of land at Long Island, he paying out of it to my dau. *Anne Joanes*, £ 5; to my dau. *Mary Brookes*, 40s.; & to my dau. *Sarah King*, £ 10. I giue vnto, *James*, a feather bed & boulster, a blankett & coverlid, y^{t} is greene & white, after his moth^{r}s decease. I also giue him all my working tools at my p^{r}sent decease. 4th July 55.

Witness to these *GEORGE GRIGGS*
Will Colbron, James Penn.
Elder Wm.Colbron deposed, 3 Aug. 1660

SOURCE: "Abstract From the Earliest Wills on Record in the County of Suffolk, Mass." Prepared by Mr. Wm. B. Trask, of Dorchester in *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. IX (1855), 343.

ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF ALICE GRIGGS

ALLICE GREEGSS, of Boston. Will. 20th; 5: 1662.

Being now sick, In case my son, *James Greegss*, Come not, my will is that I giue to my grand Child, *William King*, one half of the ground, and that half the barnes stand on, by the *Widow plantons* ground, and my will is, that my dau. *Sarah Burgiss*, shall haue the new end of the house and three rodd broad quite throw the loatt, alsoe the other old end of the house and the rest of all the ground belonging to it. My will is, that it shall be equally giuen to my daughters children; and my dau. *Sarah Burgiss*, shall haue the Cow, & in Case the Cow haue a Calfe the said *Sarah Burgiss*, is to keep him 5 weeks and then to giue it vp to her sister, *Ann Joaness*. And all the rest of the moueables, wich are nottin my husbands will, doe I giue equally to my tow dau^{s} and to their Children, and my dau. *Sarah* is to haue the Better partt wich is to the vallue of 40s. 20: 5: mo. 1662

Witness to these. *ALICE + GREEGSS*
Gamaliell Waite, Richard Price.
Richard + Gredle.

SOURCE: "Abstract From the Earliest Wills on Record in the County of Suffolk, Mass." Prepared by Mr. Wm. B. Trask, of Dorchester in *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. XII (Jan., 1858), 48.

RELATED DOCUMENTS - ESTATE OF ALICE GRIGGS

At a Meeting of the Magistrates and Recorder in Boston 5th Sept 1665,
(present *Fra. Willoughby* Esqr Dept Govr. *Maj'r Leverett* & Recorder.)

Whereas *George Griggs*, Late of Boston by His Last will and testament gaue unto His sonne, *James Grigges*, his House & Ground about it, with the two acres of Land at Long Island, as also a Feather bed, Bolster, as in that will Date 4 July 1655 & prooued in Court 3 Augt 1660, since when, *Alice Grigges*, His Widdowe, tooke vpon her to Make Her will & therein to make Diuision of the House and Ground amongst Her Daughters & their Children, on which the Courte 1 of May 1663 graunted Administration of the estate of the Late *Alice Grigges* to *Robert Lattimore* in Right of *Anne*, his Wife, & *Roger Burgisse*, in Right of *Sarah*, his wife, ordering the Imperfect Will of said *Alice Grigges* to bee their guide, since when, *Sarah Burgis*, Being Deceased, & *Robert Lattimore*, & *Ann* his Wife, Objecting against the Mothers Diuision and power to Make it, & no Certaine Information of the Death of the said *James Grigges*, though hee hath Been absent for many yeares, & most probable that hee is Dead, not being heard of for seuerall yeares.

The Magistrates Judged it meet to Graunt administration to the estate of *James Grigges*, to *Robert Lattimore*, in Right of *Anne*, his wife, & the Children of her Bodye, by her former & this Husband, to their use & benefitte, & also to *Roger Burges*, in right of the children of *Sarah*, His late wife, & her former Child, *William King*, and the children he Himselfe had by *Sarah*, His wife, in equall proportions. The House, Lands & goods of the sd *James Grigges*, to be equally Diuided to the said *Robert Lattimore* & *Roger Burges* in Right & for the Benefitte of their seueral Children as above, they giuing their owne Bonds, to ualue of £80 apeice, & obliging their seuerall Diuisions of Land & Housinge, to the Recorder of this Countye, on Condition that in case *James Grigges* shall euer appear in this Countery & Challenge His Just Right, they shall Respond the same to Him. And it is Desyred that *Ensigne John Hull* & *Richard Gridley* make a Just & equall Diuision of the Houseing, Lands & goods for the ends aforesaid & signifye the same to the Recordr to bee Recorded.

Edward Rawson Recordr.

[*Richard Gridlee* and *Henry Rust*, at the request of *Roger Burgisse* and *Anne Latimer*, prized a few articles, Amount £1. 18s, Sept 6th 1665.
To this inventory *Roger Burgisse* "Deposed on his Corporall Oath," the same day.]

RELATED DOCUMENTS - ESTATE OF ALICE GRIGGS
(Cont.)

Boston Septemb^{r} 6th, 1665.

Wee whose names are heerunto subscribed, being appointed to Diuide a House & Land & Betwixt *Roger Burgesse,* in Behalfe of the Children of *Sarah,* his Late wife, Deceased, And *Robert Lattimore,* in behalfe of *Anne,* his said Wife & her Children, haue appointed as Followeth(uiz.) That *Roger Burgesse* shall haue for his part, the Dwelling house, & the East part of the Land, being in front to the Towne street, on the north, about 79 Foote. And Likewise Fronting on the towne Common to the East, 162 foot, & on the south, Bounded by the Land set out to s^{d} *Robert Lattimore* 150 Foote. The said *Robert* hath his p^{r}tion appointed, fronting northward to the towne streete, about 98 foote, And on the west, Bounded by the Land of Widow *Pheebe Blanten,* about 310 foote, And Southward by the towne Lane, about 268 foote, the Easterne & other northern side of the said Land abutteth vpon the Land of the s^{d} *Roger Burgesse* aboue expressed. All Being by Consent of all the said p^{r}ties, who Haue likewise heervnto subscribed. And for the other small portion of goods being some Few tooles, a bed Blankett, Couerlead & Table, being Formerly all Ualued but at 44^{s}, the said parties concerned haue ordered their parts to their Owne Content, This Being the summe of what seemeth necessarye relating to the premisses, & the trust now Committed unto us by the Honoured Court, Wee make this o^{r} Returne to y^{r} Worshippes now sitting in Court.

Resting y^{r} Humble Servants

John Hull,
Richard X *Gredlee.*

The two Acres at Long Island is Likewise by Consent to bee Kept Between Both Partyes, not so Meete to Diuide.

Consented as *Robert Lattimore* abous^{d} p^{r} us. *Roger Burgess.*

SOURCE: "Abstract From The Earliest Wills on Record in the County of Suffolk, Mass. in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XII (Jan., 1858), 49.

THE "GRAVES" SURNAME

- Origin -

This pre-conquest name originated in Scandinavia.[1]

- Movement -

If the "historical occurrences" below are indicative of the over-all distribution of the name for the periods given, the name seems to have drifted from Central England to Southern England.[2] It is interesting to note, however, that by the 14th century, the name appeared in the north -- Yorkshire.[3] The name crossed the Atlantic quite early. In 1608, Thomas Graves settled in Virginia.[4] The name came to New England on or before 1631 when Thomas Graves [not to be confused with Thomas from Virginia] settled in Massachusetts.[5]

- Historical Occurences -

Name	Date	Place
Lefsi filius Greiue	1161-1177	Norfolk
Æthewold filius Greui	1161-1177	Norfolk
Adam filius Graiue	1221	Cambridgeshire
Greive de Pincebec	1232	Lincolnshire
Walter Greyue	1255	Nottingham[6]
Edith de la Grava	1273	Oxfordshire
Henry de la Grave	1273	Oxfordshire
Hugh de la Grave	1273	Somersetshire
John de la Grave	1273	Wiltshire
Geoffrey de la Grave	Reigns: Henry III- Edward I	Gloucester
Sibella de la Grave	Reign: Edward I	Gloucester
Robert atte Grave	c. 1300	-
Johannes Graue	1379	Yorkshire
Adam Grayf	1379	Yorkshire[7]
John Graue	1379	Yorkshire
Hugo Graves	1540	Yorkshire[8]

- Early America - Representative Sampling -

Name	Date	Place
Thomas Graves	1608	Virginia

Samuel Graves	1630	Lynn, Mass.[9]
Thomas Graves	1631	Massachusetts[10]
John Graves	c.1635	Concord, Mass.[11]
Richard Graves	1635	New England (prob. Mass.)[12]
[Deacon] John Graves	1637	Charlestown, Mass.
John Graves	1644	Concord, Mass.
Thomas Graves	1645	Hatfield, Mass., later, Hartford, Conn.[13]
Richard Graves	d. 1665	Salem, Mass.[14]

- Meaning & Derivation -

1. Greifi = An Old Norse personal name taken intact from the Old Norse word, greifi (see example 2).
2. greifi = "steward", "a person in charge of property" - Old Norse. The Middle English word, greyve, was an offshoot of the Old Norse, greifi.
3. grefe = "count, earl" - Old Danish, Old Swedish.[15]
4. graff = "the graff", an official (see examples 2, 4, and, 5)[16]
5. geréfa = "Reeve or Bailiff" - Old English. Middle English equivalents: grave, grayve, greyve.[17]
6. Graves, Greaves = "Descendants of the grave" - English. The grave was an overseer appointed by the lord of the manor. It was his task to review (and presumably to report on) the work of the tenants.[18]
7. Grave, Graves = "of the grave", derived from a place [local name].[19]
8. Graves, Greaves = "dweller in, or near, a grove" - English[20]
9. gráf = "Dweller at a Grove" - Old English. This word later evolved into the Middle English word, grave.[21]

- Spelling Variations -

Graiue *		Graves[24]
Graue *[22]	Grave	Grayf *[25]
Grava *[23]		Greiue *[26]

*Note: Obsolete Forms[27]

- Evolution -

The modern surname Graves bears little resemblance to the Old Norse personal name, Greifi from which it descends. As already noted, the personal name, Greifi

was taken from the Old Norse word, greifi, meaning, "steward".[28] From this Old Norse word developed, most probably, the Old English word, geréfa. As Old English passed into Middle English, a series of orthographic changes occurred. For example, the distinctive "f" in the Old English, "geréfa"[29] gave way, in Middle English, to the "u" and, eventually, to the "v" -- "Greiue" → "Greive"[30], "Grava"[31]. This, along with several other spelling modifications, produced the modern surname that we know today -- "Graves".[32]

- Estimated "Graves" Population, 1790 -

1790 = 1,824 Individuals[33]

- "Graves" Distribution By State, 1790 -

Connecticut	=	42 Households	North Carolina	=	23 Households
Maine	=	7 Households	Pennsylvania	=	3 Households
Maryland	=	10 Households	Rhode Island	=	4 Households
Massachusetts	=	101 Households	South Carolina	=	12 Households
New Hampshire	=	32 Households	Vermont	=	25 Households
New York	=	25 Households	Virginia	=	31 Households
			Total		315 Households[34]

- Rank Among American Surnames, 1964 -

297th

- Approximate Number of Persons Bearing Name
in
the United States (1964) -

1964 = 77,150 Individuals[35]

[1]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. 1966. p. 144. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 8, 15, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32.

[2]See "Historical Occurrences".

[3]Bardsley. *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. p. 333. Same citation for footnotes: 7, 16, 19, 23, 25, 31.

[4]*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. L (1896),

242. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 13.

[5] *Ibid.* III (1849), 90. On May 18, 1631, a "Mr. Tho. Graves" took the "oath of ffreemen". *(Ibid.).*

[10] *Compendium of American Genealogy.* III. 1928. p. 512. This source contained the following entry:

> Capt. Thomas Graves (ante 1585-1662), from Eng. to Salem, Mass., ca. 1628; m Sarah —— (d 1666;

(Ibid.).

[11] *Compendium of American Genealogy.* I. 1925.

[12] Drake. *Results of Researches.* 1963. p. 33. This source contained the following entry:

> 17 Junij, 1635. Theis vnder written names are to be transported to New England, imbarqued in the Abigall, Robert Hackwell M^r^ p'r Cert. from the minister and Justices of Peace of their Conformitie, being no Subsedy men. They have taken the oaths of Alleg: and Supremacy being all Husbandmen:
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> Richard Graves 23

(Ibid.).

[14] "Pewter". *The United States Encyclopedia of History.* XIII. New York: Curtis Books. 1968. p. 2402. This source contained the following entry:

> Earliest pewterers on record with established shops were Richard Graves (1612-1665) of Salem, Mass., ...

[17] Harrison. *Surnames of the United Kingdom.* p. 173. Same citation for footnotes: 21, 29.

[18] Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names.* 1973. p. 194. Same citation for footnote: 20.

[27] The Author.

[33] In 1790, the average household in the United States contained 5.79 persons. (*Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.* Part I. Bicentennial Edition. 1975. p. 41. See next footnote.

315 Households X 5.79 persons/household = 1,823.85 persons

[34] Author's count from various state census indexes. The surname appeared in every state reporting in 1790.

[35] Smith. *American Surnames.* 1969. p. 304.

THE "GRAVES" FAMILY

THOMAS GRAVES + **Sarah (——)**

(b. prior to 1585; d. Nov. 1662) (d. 17 Dec. 1666)
(Arrival in America: before 1645) †
(Places of Residence: England; Hartford, Conn. -1645; Hatfield, Mass.)

ISAAC GRAVES

(b. 1620 - Eng.)
(d. 19 Sept. 1677) ‡
(Occ.: Clerk of Writs - Hatfield, Mass.)
(Places of Residence: Hartford, Conn. - before 1645; Hatfield, Mass. - 1661 or 1662)
+
Mary Church ¶ (d. 1695)

Children #1-3

- Mary Graves
 b. 5 July 1647 - Hartford
 m. 28 Jan. 1665
 mar.: Eleazar Frary
- Issac Graves
 b. 21 Aug. 1650 - Hartford, Conn.
 d. young
- Rebecca Graves
 b. 3 July 1652 - Hartford, Conn.

John Graves

(b. England)
(d. 19 Sept. 1677) ‡
(Places of Residence: Wethersfield, Conn.; Hadley, Mass. - 1659/60)
+
Mary Smith

SAMUEL GRAVES

(1 Oct. 1655 - Hartford, Conn.)
(1st mar.: 1 Oct. 1678)
(2nd mar.: 1 Jan. 1690)
(d. 8 Feb. 1692)

+ Sarah Colton — (Continued)

+ Deliverance (——) — (Continued)

Samuel Graves

(b. England)

Daughter [Name Unknown]

Children #5-8

- Sarah Graves
 m. 27 Apr. 1677
 mar.: Benjamin Barrett
- Elizabeth Graves
 b. 6 Mar. 1662
 mar.: Benjamin Hastings
- John Graves
 b. 1664; d. 1746
 mar.: Sarah Banks
- Hannah Graves
 b. 24 Jan. 1666
 mar.: William Sacket

Nathaniel Graves

(b. England [?])
(d. 1682)
(Places of Residence: Wethersfield, Conn.)
+
———

Children #9-10

- Jonathan Graves
 b. 1666; d. 1737
 1st m.: Sarah Parsons
 2nd m.: Mary Janes
- Mehitable Graves
 b. 1 Oct. 1671; 1st m. 29 Jan. 1690)
 1st m.: Richard Morton
 2nd m.: Wm. Worthington

SAMUEL GRAVES

(born: 1 Oct. 1655 - Hartford, Conn.; died: 8 Feb. 1692)
(1st marriage: 1 Oct. 1678; 2nd marriage: 1 Jan. 1690)
(Place of Residence: Hatfield, Mass.)

1st marriage:

Sarah Colton (d. 11 July 1689)

- Rebecca (b. 1681)
- Samuel (b. 2 Mar. 1685)
- Joseph Graves (d. 22 Apr. 1728) + Bridget Scott
- Sarah [?] (b. 1 Jan. 1688)
- Elizabeth

2nd marriage:

Deliverance (____)

- THOMAS GRAVES
 (b. 22 Oct. 1690)
 (d. 1713/14) §
 (Place of Residence: Hartford, Conn.)
 + Sarah Morgan
 (bp. 24 May 1696)
 (d. 3 May 1718) ★
 - DELIVERANCE GRAVES
 (b. 27 Oct. 1713 - Hartford, Conn.)
 (bp. 1 Nov. 1713)
 (d. 5 July 1758 - West Hartford, Conn.) ▲
 + Stephen Hosmer

SEE "MERRY" & "MORGAN" CHART

SEE "HOSMER" SECTION
#128, Generation "d" - Main Listing

SOURCES - "GRAVES" CHART

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2. Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. 1860. p. 296.

3. "Anson Rogers Graves". *The National Cyclopedia of American Biography.* XLII. 1958. p. 160.

4. "James Clifford Graves". *The National Cyclopedia of American Biography.* XXXVI. 1950. p. 179.

5. "Albert Henry Graves". *The National Cyclopedia of American Biography.* XIX. 1926. p. 154.

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7. *Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County, Connecticut: Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens, and of Many of the Early Settled Families.* Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1901. p. 1452.

8. Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford.* 1977. p. 284.

9. *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1635-1750.* Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. II. Hartford, Conn.: R. & S. Peck & Co. Printers. p. 209. [Original records. Vol. VIII. 1710-1715, p. 266].

10. *West Hartford Church Records.* p. 125.

11. J. B. Hosmer. *Hosmer Family.* 1861. p. 9.

12. Notes - Ruth Hosmer Stafford Clark, Aug. 14, 1981.

NOTES FROM "GRAVES" CHART

† Thomas Graves was excused from military training in 1645 because of his age.

(Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. 1860. p. 296).

Concerning the children of Thomas Graves, James Savage reported:

> THOMAS, Hartford, ... rem[oved] to Hadley [Mass.], ... had brot [= brought] from Eng[land] Isaac, John, and perhaps Samuel, and a d[aughter] whose name is unkn. [= unknown] and possibly Nathaniel; as all exc[ept] this last rem[oved] with him [to Hadley, Mass.].
>
> (Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. 1860. pp. 296, 297).

‡ Isaac Graves was killed by Indians. His brother John was also killed by Indians the same day.

(Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* II. 1860. pp. 294, 295).

¶ Mary was the daughter of Richard and Ann (——) Church.

(*Commemorative Biographical Record of Hartford County* 1901. p. 1452).

§ Thomas Graves died sometime between, 11 Dec. 1713 [the date of his will] and, 5 Jan. 1713/14 [the date his widow exhibited an inventory of her husband's estate].

(See will and estate papers of Thomas Graves).

★ Sarah died before she completed the final accounting of her husband's estate. As a result of Sarah's death, Thomas Morgan [Sarah's father] was appointed legal guardian of Deliverance Graves [a minor].

(*Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1635-1750.* II. p. 209. [Original records. Vol IX. p. 78]).

▲ In his will, Thomas Graves referred to Deliverance as, " ... my only daughter"

(Will - Thomas Graves. Dated: 11 Dec. 1713).

- Continued -

Barbour in his *Families of Early Hartford* inadvertently gave Deliverance Graves' date of death on page 284 as, "1 Nov. 1713". This was undoubtedly a typographical or clerical error as this same Deliverance was listed on page 701 as being the wife of Stephen Hosmer. The "1 Nov. 1713" date, therefore, was probably the date of baptism - judging from its closeness to the actual date of birth.

Deliverance Graves [wife of Stephen Hosmer] may have been named for her grandmother -- Deliverance (——), wife of Samuel Graves.

(Assumption - The Author).

Mrs. Ruth Hosmer (Stafford) Clark has devoted considerable research to the ancestry of Thomas Graves -- father of Deliverance (Graves) Hosmer. It is her view that Lucius Boltwood, in his book, *Genealogies of Hadley Families* . . . , was in error when he stated that Thomas Graves [Deliverance's father] was the son of John and Sarah (White) Graves. Mrs. Clark's arguments are persuasive. The following comes from Mrs. Clark's notes dated, 14 August 1981:

Thomas Graves, the son of Samuel and Deliverance Graves, was born in Hatfield, Massachusetts on 21 November 1690.

Thomas Graves, the son of John Graves (a first cousin of Samuel Graves) was born in Hatfield, Massachusetts on 5 June 1693.

Lucius Boltwood has incorrectly assumed that the records of Thomas, the son of John, belong to Thomas, the son of Samuel. Actually, it was Thomas, the son of John, who married Lydia, the daughter of Isaac Graves, and later moved to Belchertown, where he died.

The age of Boltwood's Thomas at death (Hadley Genealogy, page 60, #12) does not track with the birthdate of Thomas, the son of Samuel --- as it should, if Boltwood's assumption is valid. It does agree, however, with the birthdate of Thomas, son of John.

Another indication of Boltwood's error is that the Thomas, who moved to Belchertown, sold Hatfield land that came to him originally from John Graves (Hampshire County land records).

The children of the Belchertown Thomas were named John and Lydia. The son was undoubtedly named for Thomas's father, and the daughter for his wife.

Again, Thomas, son of John, was alive in January 1730/31, when the will of his father, John, son of John, was proved. Thomas, son of Samuel, had died about 1 January 1713/14.

The author believes that Mrs. Clark's views are sound and consistent with the facts. Here lineage theory is reflected in the "GRAVES" chart.

THE "MORGAN" SURNAME

- Origin -

Etymological and historical evidence indicates that this surname came originally from Wales.[1] It began as a personal name and continued to be used as such well into the 19th century. The transition from a personal name to a family name occurred when it crossed the English border. The surname authority, P. H. Reaney, quoted the following from the Registrar-General's Annual Report for 1853:

> " ' Hereditary surnames were not in use even among the gentry of Wales until the time of Henry VIII, nor were they generally established until a much later period; indeed, at the present day [1853] they can scarcely be said to be adopted among the lower classes in the wilder districts, where, as the marriage registers show, the christian name of the father still frequently becomes the patronymic of the son. ' "

- Movement -

From Wales, the name entered England. As one might expect, the Welsh name made its first penetration along the border counties [Monmouth, Hereford, Shropshire]. Historical records show that this family name appeared in England as early as the 12th century.[2] Use as a personal name occurred even earlier.[3]

- Historical Occurrences -

Name	Date	Place
Morganus	1159	Gloucestershire[4]
Morganus filius Hoel	1166	Shropshire[5]
Morgund	1204-1211	-
John Morgan	1214	Berkshire

Isabella Morgan	1214	Berkshire
John Morgane	1419[6]	-
Sir Henry Morgan	(1635? - 1688)	[Welsh Buccaneer][7]

- Early America - Representative Sampling -

Name	Date	Place
Bennett Morgan	1621	Plymouth Colony
Robert Morgan	1636	Saco, [Maine]
Miles Morgan	Apr. 1636	Boston, Mass.
Robert Morgan	1637	Salem, Mass.
James Morgan	1640	Roxbury, Mass.
Owen Morgan	1650	New Haven, Conn.[8]

- Prominent Americans Bearing "Morgan" Surname -

Name	Birth/Death	Occupation
Daniel Morgan	(1736-1802)	General - Revolutionary War
Justin Morgan	(1747-1798)	Breeder of the "Morgan" Horse
John Hunt Morgan	(1826-1864)	Confederate General - American Civil War
John Pierpont Morgan	(1837-1913)	Financier and Art Collector
Thomas Hunt Morgan	(1866-1946)	Zoologist, Noble Prize - Physiology, 1933[9]

- Meaning & Derivation -

1. Morgan = "Descendant of Morgan (great, bright)" - Welsh[10]
2. Morgan = "Desc[endant] of Morgant or Morcant", an Old Welsh personal name, meaning, "born of the sea".
3. Morgan = Descendant of Muireagham, an Old Irish personal name.[11]
4. Morgan = A masculine personal name from the Welsh, meaning, "sea dweller".[12]

- Early Celtic Forms of Name -

Celtic Forms (Cont.)

Morgant	Old Welsh Old Briton Cornish
Morgan	Welsh
Morgunn	Pictish

- Spelling Variations -

Morcant *	Morgans[13]
Morgan	Morgant * [14]
Morgane *	Morgunn * [15]
Morganus *	

* Note: Obsolete forms[16]

- Evolution -

Almost from the time the name entered England, the "Morgan" spelling has been utilized. It has remained intact or seen only minor variations (e. g.: Morganus, Morgane) in its adopted land.[17] The original Welsh form, from which the present surname derives, was probably Morgant or Morcant.[18] The final "t" was, apparently, dropped early in its development.[19]

- Top 21 Surnames - English Speaking World, 1961-66 - (Selected Cities)

Cardiff, Wales	=	6th in Rank
Dublin, Ireland	=	Not Among the Top 21 Names
Edinburgh, Scotland	=	Not Among the Top 21 Names
London, England	=	Not Among the Top 21 Names
Sydney, Australia	=	Not Among the Top 21 Names
Toronto, Canada	=	Not Among the Top 21 Names
Wellington, New Zealand	=	Not Among the Top 21 Names
New York, U.S.A.	=	Not Among the Top 21 Names[20]

- Estimated "Morgan" Population, United States, 1790 -

1790 = 3,283 Individuals[21]

- "Morgan" Distribution By State, 1790 -

Connecticut	=	91 Households
Maine	=	5 Households
Maryland	=	40 Households
Massachusetts	=	70 Households
New Hampshire	=	14 Households
New York	=	48 Households
North Carolina	=	117 Households
Pennsylvania	=	71 Households
Rhode Island	=	2 Households
Vermont	=	16 Households
Virginia	=	50 Households

Total 567 Households[22]

- Rank Among American Surnames, 1964 -

51st

- Approximate Number of Persons Bearing Name
in
the United States, 1964 -

1964 = 254,800 Individuals[23]

[1]P. H. Reaney. *The Origins of English Surnames*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. 1968. p. 317; Smith. *New Dictionary of Family Names*. 1973. p. 359; *Surnames Are the Fossils of Speech*. 1967. p. 219.

[2]*Ibid.* Same citation for footnote: 5.

[3]*Ibid.* -- In Arthurian legend, King Arthur had a troublesome fairy half sister named, Morgan le Fay. (*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*. College Edition. 1962. p. 957). Note: King Arthur was a real or legendary king of Britain during the 6th century. (*Ibid.*, p. 83).

[4]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. p. 225. Same citation for footnotes: 6, 13, 15.

[7]*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*. College Edition. 1962. p. 957. Same citation for footnotes: 9, 12.

[8]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* III. 1861. pp. 232, 233.

[10]Smith. *New Dictionary of American Family Names.* 1973. p. 359.

[11]*Surnames Are the Fossils of Speech.* 1967. p. 219. Same citation for footnotes: 14, 18.

[16]See footnotes: 13, 14, 15.

[17]See "Historical Occurrences".

[19]The Author.

[20]Matthews. *English Surnames.* 1967. pp. 344, 345.

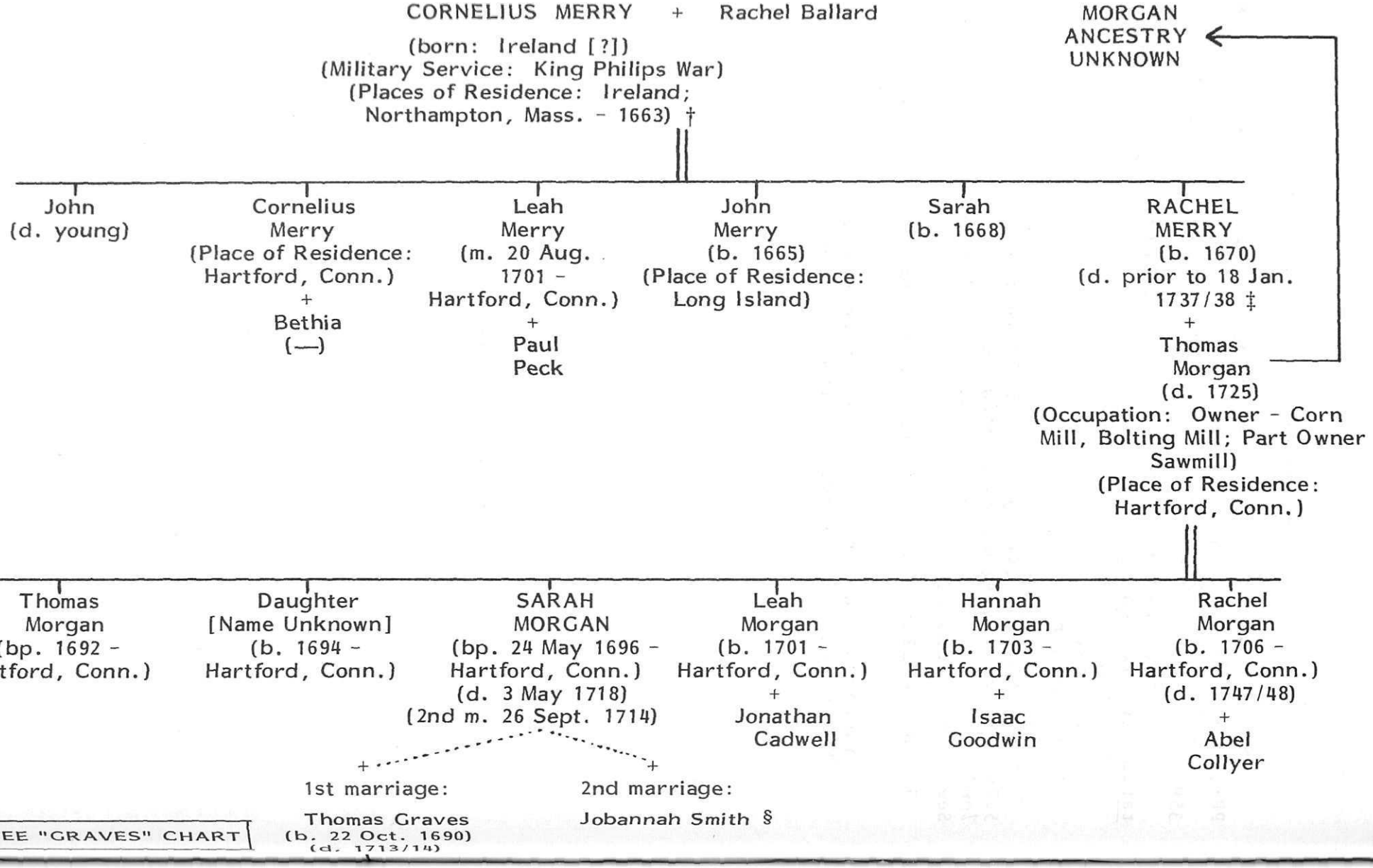
[21]In 1790, the average household in the United States contained 5.79 persons. (*Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.* Part I. Bicentennial Edition. 1975. p. 41. See next footnote.

567 Households X 5.79 persons/household = 3,282.93 persons

[22]Author's count from various state census indexes.

[23]Smith. *American Surnames.* 1969. p. 301.

"MERRY" AND "MORGAN" FAMILIES



SOURCES - "MERRY" & "MORGAN" CHART

1. Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* III. 1861. p. 200.

2. Barbour. *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut.* 1977. pp. 190, 406.

3. *Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. pp. 17, 28 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Jan., 1859), 49, 50 and (Apr., 1859), 144.

4. *Records of Town of Hartford, 1685-1709. No. I.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (July, 1859), 242.

5. *Early Connecticut Probate Records: Hartford District 1635-1750.* Compiled by Charles William Manwaring. III. Hartford, Conn.: R. & S. Peck & Co. Printers, 1906. p. 310. [original records, Vol. XIII, 1737- , p. 136].

NOTES FROM "MERRY" & "MORGAN" CHART

† Cornelius Merry was granted land in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1663. He was a participant in the Falls fight, one of the major battles of King Philips War. After the war [sometime after 1676], he removed from Northampton.

(Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England.* III. 1861. p. 200)

‡ Court records dated Jan. 18, 1737/38 indicated that Isaac Goodwin [Rachel's son-in-law] and Stephen Hosmer [husband of Rachel's granddaughter, Deliverance Graves] were the administrators of Rachel Morgan's estate. This proves that Rachel Morgan died prior to Jan. 18, 1737/38.

(See estate papers of Rachel Morgan)

§ By this marriage, Sarah had 1 child, Zephania Smith, born: 1 Feb. 1715/16 - Hartford, Conn.

(*Original Distribution of the Town of Hartford (Ct.) among the Settlers, 1639.* Transcribed by Lucius M. Boltwood. p. 19 in *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register.* XIII (Jan., 1859), 52)

THE "MERRY" SURNAME

- Origin -

There appears to be two schools of thought regarding the origin of this surname.[1] The noted authority on British surnames, P. H. Reaney, points to a decidedly English etymology.[2] This view is disputed by Irish experts. Three major Irish surname dictionaries all point to an Irish point of origin.[3] That the name was used in Ireland, in its various Gaelic forms, is an established fact. The name was known to those in the Emerald Isle as early as the medieval period.[4] There is also some evidence to suggest that it was employed even earlier. According to one authority, it was the name of an "ancient" family that lived in south Tipperary.[5] This area was the original territory of the sept of O'Mearadhaigh. During Gaelic times, members of this family were chiefs of Uí Fathaidh in the barony of Iffa and Offa West.[6] It is interesting to note that the surname - in its modern form - exists today in that same area.[7]

- Movement -

The movement of the name in England can not be determined with any degree of certainty. Mr. Reaney provides only scant historical examples of this surname in England.[8] In Ireland, the name remained fairly concentrated in the counties of Tipperary and Waterford.[9] What little movement occurred took place primarily in the adjacent counties of Cork[10] and Kilkenny.[11]

- Historical Occurrences -

IRELAND

Name	Date	Place
Ó meaḋra family	Gaelic Period	Rosarquid, Co. Tipperary
Ó mearaḋaiġ family	Gaelic Period	Ui Fathaidh, Co. Tipperary[12]
Richard Merry	1558	Callan, Co. Kilkenny[13]

ENGLAND

Gilbert le mirie	Danelaw Period	Leicestershire

John Myrie	1219	Yorkshire
Robert Merye	Reign: Edward I	Sussex[14]

- Early America - Representative Sampling -

Name	Date	Place
Walter Merry	1633	Boston, Mass.[15]
Joseph Merry	1640	Haverhill, Mass.[16]
Cornelius Merry	1663	Northampton, Mass.[17]

- Meaning & Derivation -

IRELAND

1. Merry = "des[cendant] of Ó mearadhaċ"= lively - Gaelic[18]
2. Merry, Ó Mearadhaigh, Ó Meardha = "from adjectives meaning lively".[19]

ENGLAND

3. myrige = "merry" - Old English
4. mirie, merie, murie = "merry" - Middle English[20]

- Gaelic [Irish] Spellings -

Ó mearadhaigh / Ó mearadhaigh
Ó meardha / Ó meardha
Ó meadhra

- Spelling Variations -

Mariga *	O Marie * [23]
Maree *	O'Marrye * [24]
Marry *	O'Merehey * [25]
Merry * † [21]	O'Merry * [26]
Merye †	O'Merye * [27]
Myrie † [22]	

Note: * = Irish
† = English

- Evolution -

The English evolution of the name seems to have followed a fairly typical path.[28] The early "y" gave way to "e": Myrie → Merye; and, the medieval "ie" was, after a transitional period, replaced by the simple "y": Myrie → Merye → Merry.[29] The history and evolution of the Irish name is, unfortunately, more complicated. In addition to the problems of transliteration (from the Gaelic [Irish] to the Roman alphabet)[30], there are also problems of differentiation between names of similar appearance but dissimilar origins.[31] Another curious and yet unexplained phenomenon was the interchangeable use of the surname "O'Houlihan" (Holohan) for Merry. A pardon issued in 1558 listed a Richard Merry of Callan, County Kilkenny with the " ' alias O'Howloughane ' ".[32] As with many Irish surnames, the traditional "O'" was dropped. The exact reason for this is not known, but one can speculate that it was for reasons of economy - a natural tendency to reduce words and names to their simplest forms.[33]

- Estimated "Merry" Population in the United States, 1790 -

1790 = 121 Individuals[34]

- "Merry" Distribution By State, 1790 -

Connecticut	=	1 Household
Maine	=	1 Household
Massachusetts	=	10 Households
New York	=	5 Households
North Carolina	=	1 Household
Virginia	=	3 Households
		—
Total		21 Households[35]

[1]The Author. Same citation for footnotes: 3, 8, 28, 30, 33.
[2]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. p. 220. Same citation for footnotes: 14, 20, 22.

[4]Edward Mac Lysaght. *More Irish Families*. Galaway, Ireland: O'Gorman Ltd., 1960. pp. 178, 179. Same citation for footnote: 26.

[5]Sloinnte Gaedeal is Gall / *Irish Names And Surnames*. Collected and Edited With Explanatory and Historical Notes by Rev. Patrick Woulfe. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1967. p. 615. Same citation for footnotes: 10, 18, 21, 23, 25, 27, 31.

[6]Mac Lysaght. *More Irish Families*. 1960. pp. 178, 179. -- A sept is a division or clan of an Irish tribe, ruled by a hereditary chief. The chief was selected from the clan's most important family. (The Author).

[7]*Irish Names and Surnames*. 1967. p. 615. The name is still used in Waterfod and East Cork. *(Ibid.)*.

[9]Mac Lysaght. *More Irish Families*. p. 178. Same citation for footnotes: 13, 24.

[11]Edward Mac Lysaght. *Surnames of Ireland*. Shannon, Ireland: Irish University Press, 1969. p. 161; Lysaght. *More Irish Families*. 1960. p. 178. Same citation (both sources) for footnote: 32.

[12]*Irish Names and Surnames*. 1967. p. 615. Mr. Woulfe wrote: "Dr. O'Brien in his Irish Dictionary, and Dr. Mac Dermott, in his notes to Connellan's edition of the Annals of the Four Masters, both confound the families of Ó Meadha of Rosarguid and Ó Mearadhaigh of Ui Fathaidh, although their respective territories were separated by nearly the whole length of Tipperary." *(Ibid.)*.

[15]Savage. *Genealogical Dictionary of New England*. III. p. 200.

[16]*Ibid.* According to tradition, Joseph (later of Edgartown, Mass.) died on Apr. 5, 1710 in his 103rd year [1710-103=1607]. *(Ibid.)*.

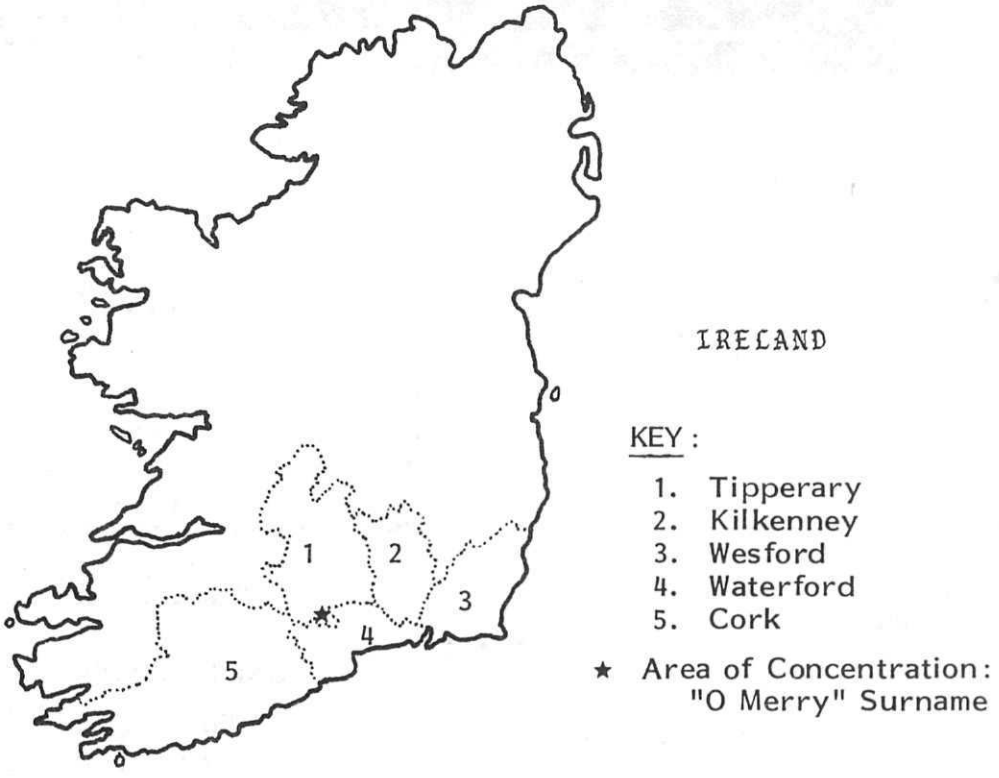
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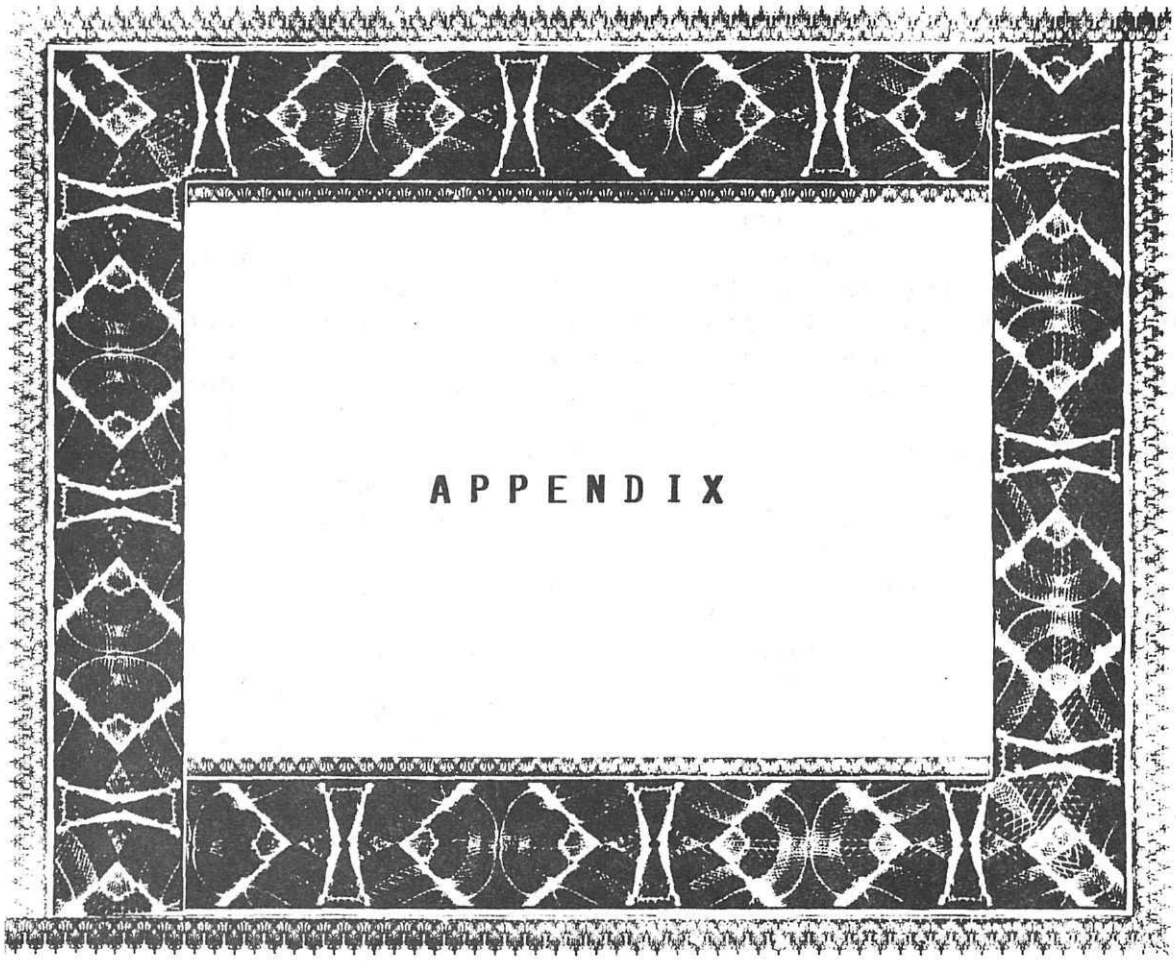
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[29]Reaney. *A Dictionary of British Surnames*. p. 320.

[34]In 1790, the average household in the U.S. contained 5.79 person. 21 Households X 5.79 persons/household = 120.59 persons.

[35]Author's count from various state census indexes.





APPENDIX

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Gude grant that thou may aye inherit
Thy mither's person, grace an' merit,
An' thy poor worthless daddy's spirit,
Without his failins;
'Twill please me mair to see and hear o't
Than stockit mailins.

-- ROBERT BURNS

(*The Poet's Welcome to his Love-Begotten Daughter*)

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CENSUS DATA, 1790-1890*

CENSUS OF 1790

Name of head of family; address; number of free white males of 16 years and up, including heads; free white males under 16; free white females, including heads; all other free persons; number of slaves.

CENSUS OF 1800

Name of head of family; address; number of free white males and females under 10 years of age, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 years and upward; all other free persons, except Indians not taxed; number of slaves.

CENSUS OF 1810

Name of head of family; address; number of free white males and females under 10 years of age, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 years and upward; all other free persons, except Indians not taxed; number of slaves.

CENSUS OF 1820

Name of head of family; address; number of free white males and females under 10 years of age, 10 and under 16, 16 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 years and upward; number of free white males between 16 and 18 years; foreigners not naturalized; male and female slaves and free colored persons under 14 years, 14 and under 26, 26 and under 45, and 45 and upward; all other free persons, except Indians not taxed; number of persons (including slaves) engaged in agriculture, commerce, and manufactures.

CENSUS OF 1830

Name of head of family; address; number of free white males and females in 5-year age groups to 20, 10-year age groups from 20 to 100, and 100 years old and over; number of slaves and free colored persons in six broad age groups; number of deaf and dumb under 14, 14 to 24, and 25 years and upward; number of blind; foreigners not naturalized.

CENSUS OF 1840

Name of head of family; address; number of free white males and females in 5-year age groups to 20, 10-year age groups from 20 to 100, and 100 years old and over; number of slaves and free colored persons in six broad age groups; number of deaf and dumb; number of blind; number of insane and idiotic in public or private charge; number of persons in each family employed in each of seven classes of occupations; number of schools and number of scholars; number of white persons over 20 who could not read and write; number of pensioners for Revolutionary or military service.

*Adapted from a Census Bureau publication.

CENSUS OF 1850

Name; address; age; sex; color (white, black, or mulatto) for each person; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic; all free persons required to give value of real estate owned; profession, occupation, or trade for each male person over 15; place of birth; whether married within the year; whether attended school within the year; whether unable to read and write for persons over 20; whether a pauper or convict.

CENSUS OF 1860

Name; address; age; sex; color (white, black, or mulatto) for each person; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic; all free persons required to give value of real estate and of personal estate owned; profession, occupation, or trade for each male and female over 15; place of birth (State, Territory, or country); whether married within the year, whether attended school within the year; whether unable to read and write for persons over 20; whether a pauper or convict.

CENSUS OF 1870

Address; name; age; sex; color (including Chinese and Indian); citizenship for males over 21; profession, occupation, or trade; value of real estate; value of personal estate; place of birth; whether father and mother were foreign born; born within the year; married within the year; attended school within the year; for persons 10 years old and over whether able to read and write; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.

CENSUS OF 1880

Address; name; relationship to head of family; sex; race; age; marital status; born within the year; married within the year; profession, occupation, or trade; number of months unemployed during census year; whether person is sick or temporarily disabled so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties; if so, what is the sickness or disability; whether blind, deaf and dumb, idiotic, insane, maimed, crippled or bedridden; attended school within the year; ability to read and write; place of birth of person, father, and mother.

CENSUS OF 1890 **

Address; number of families in house; number of persons in house; number of persons in family; name; whether a soldier, salior or marine during Civil War (Union or Confederate) or widow of such person; relationship to head of family; white, black, mulatto, quadroon, octoroon, Chinese, Japanese, or Indian; sex; age; marital status; whether married during year; mother of how many children, and number now living; place of birth of person, father, and mother; if person is foreign born, number of years in the U. S.; whether naturalized; whether papers have been taken out; profession, trade, or occupation; months unemployed during census year; ability to read and write; ability to speak English; if not, language or dialect spoken; whether suffering from acute or chronic disease, with name of disease and length of time afflicted; whether defective in mind, sight, hearing, or speech, or whether crippled, maimed, or deformed, with name of defect; whether a prisoner, convict, homeless child, or pauper; home rented, or owned by head or member of family; if owned by head or member, is it free from mortgage; if head of family is a farmer, is farm rented or owned by him or member of his family; if owned, is it free of mortgage; if mortgaged, give post office address of owner.

** More than 99% of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire in 1921.

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HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN 1790
As Found In
THE FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

Name	State	County	Town	Census Page
ABEL HOSMER	Conn.	Windham	Woodstock	154
ABEL HOSMER	Maine	Hancock	Penobscot	030
ASA HOSMER	Conn.	Middlesex	Chatham	080
ASA HOSMER	Maine	Hancock	Camden	026
AMOS HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
BENJAMIN HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
DANIEL HOSMORE	Mass.	Worchester	Sterling	236
DANIEL HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
DANIEL HOSMER	N. Y.	Montgomery	Caughnawaga	103
DAVID HOSMER	Conn.	Windham	Thompson	151
ELDAD HOSMER	N. Y.	Montgomery	Caughnawaga	103
ELIJAH HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
ELIZABETH HOSMER	Conn.	Hartford	Hartford	047
ELIZABETH HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
EUNICE HOSMER	Conn.	Windham	Mansfield	147
GRAVES HOSMER	Conn.	New London		125
HANNAH HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
JAMES HOSMER	Conn.	Hartford	Hartford	045

HOSMER POPULATION IN 1790

As found In

THE FIRST CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

Name	Free White Males of 16 years and upward	Free White Males Under 16 Years	Free White Females	Others	Slaves	Total*
ABEL HOSMER	1	2	7	-	-	10
ABEL HOSMER	2	3	3	-	-	8
ASA HOSMER	1	-	3	-	-	4
ASA HOSMER	1	-	-	-	-	1
AMOS HOSMER	1	5	5	-	-	11
BENJAMIN HOSMER	1	-	2	-	-	3
DANIEL HOSMORE	2	2	3	-	-	7
DANIEL HOSMER	1	-	2	-	-	3
DANIEL HOSMER	2	2	4	-	-	8
DAVID HOSMER	1	1	3	-	-	5
ELDAD HOSMER	1	1	5	-	-	7
ELIJAH HOSMER	1	5	3	-	-	9
ELIZABETH HOSMER	-	-	2	-	-	2
ELIZABETH HOSMER	-	-	1	-	-	1
EUNICE HOSMER	-	-	3	-	-	3
GRAVES HOSMER	1	-	-	-	-	1
HANNAH HOSMER	-	-	2	-	-	2
JAMES HOSMER	5	2	4	-	-	11

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN 1790
(Continued)

Name	State	County	Town	Census Page
JAMES HOSMER	Conn.	Windham	Thompson	151
JAMES HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Lincoln	146
JESSE HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
JOEL HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
JOHN HOSMER	Conn.	Hartford	Bristol	035
JOHN HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
JOHN HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Bedford	134
JONAS HOSMER	N. H.	Cheshire	Walpole	026
JOSEPH HOSMER	Conn.	Hartford	East Windsor	037
JOSEPH HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
LEVI HOSMER	Vermont	Windsor	Hartland	061
LYDIA HOSMER	Conn.	Middlesex	Middletown	086
MENASSAH HOSMER SR.	Conn.	Windham	Woodstock	154
MENASSAH HOSMER	Conn.	Windham	Woodstock	154
NATHANIEL HOSMER	Maine	Hancock	Camden	026
NATHANIEL HOSMER JR.	Maine	Hancock	Camden	026
NICHOLAS HOSMER	N. Y.	Albany	Watervliet	054
REUBEN HOSMER	N. H.	Hillsborough	Mason	050
SAMUEL HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
SAMUEL HOSMER JR.	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
SIMEON HOSMER	N. Y.	Montgomery	Caughnawaga	103
STEPHEN HOSMER	Mass.	Middlesex	Concord	139
STEPHEN HOSMER	Conn.	Middlesex	Chatham	080
STEPHEN HOSMER JR.	Conn.	Middlesex	Chatham	080
STEPHEN T. HOSMER	Conn.	Middlesex	Middletown	086
SYLVESTER HOSMER	N. C.	Pasquotank	Edenton	028

HOSMER POPULATION IN 1790
(Continued)

Names	Free White Males of 16 years and upward	Free White Males under 16 years	Free White Females	Others	Slaves	Total*
JAMES HOSMER	3	1	2	-	-	6
JAMES HOSMER	1	2	1	-	-	4
JESSE HOSMER	1	3	4	-	-	8
JOEL HOSMER	1	1	2	-	-	4
JOHN HOSMER	1	1	2	-	-	4
JOHN HOSMER	4	2	4	-	-	10
JOHN HOSMER	1	2	3	-	-	6
JONAS HOSMER	3	1	3	-	-	7
JOSEPH HOSMER	5	2	4	-	-	11
JOSEPH HOSMER	2	1	3	-	-	6
LEVI HOSMER	1	1	1	-	-	3
LYDIA HOSMER	1	-	5	-	1	6
MENASSAH HOSMER SR.	2	4	6	-	-	12
MENASSAH HOSMER	2	2	3	-	-	7
NATHANIEL HOSMER	1	1	1	-	-	3
NATHANIEL HOSMER JR.	1	1	2	-	-	4
NICHOLAS HOSMER	1	4	4	-	(?)	9
REUBEN HOSMER	1	1	1	-	-	3
SAMUEL HOSMER	1	1	3	-	-	5
SAMUEL HOSMER	1	-	2	-	-	3
SIMEON HOSMER	3	2	1	-	-	6
STEPHEN HOSMER	1	1	4	-	-	6
STEPHEN HOSMER	1	2	2	-	-	5
STEPHEN HOSMER JR.	1	-	1	-	-	2
STEPHEN T. HOSMER	2	1	3	-	1	6
SYLVESTER HOSMER	1	-	2	-	13	3

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN 1790
(Continued)

Name	State	County	Town	Census Page
TIMOTHY HOSMER	Conn.	Hartford	Farmington	041
TIMOTHY HOSMER	Conn.	Middlesex	Chatham	081
WILLIAM HOSMER	Conn.	Hartford	Hartford	046
WILLIAM HOSMORE	N. H.	Hillsborough	Mason	050
ZACHERIAH HOSMER	Conn.	Middlesex	Chatham	080
(WIDOW) HOSMER	Conn.	Windham	Pomfret	149
(WIDOW) HOSMER	Conn.	Windham	Woodstock	154

SOURCE: *Heads of Families At the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790*. Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1908 [for various states].

HOSMER POPULATION IN 1790
(Continued)

Name	Free White Males of 16 years and upward	Free White Males under 16 years	Free White Females	Others	Slaves	Total*
TIMOTHY HOSMER	2	5	3	-	1	10
TIMOTHY HOSMER	1	2	2	-	-	5
WILLIAM HOSMER	1	2	3	-	-	6
WILLIAM HOSMORE	2	1	2	-	-	5
ZACHERIAH HOSMER	2	1	4	-	-	7
(WIDOW) HOSMER	1	2	3	-	-	6
(WIDOW) HOSMER	1	2	2	-	-	5

*Note: Total is exclusive of "Others" and "Slaves".

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Summary

Number of Households: 51
Number of Individuals: 289 (exclusive of slaves)

Free Males - 16 & over	=	74
Free Males - under 16	=	75
Free Females	=	140
Others	=	0
Slaves	=	16

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW YORK STATE
(Census Years: 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840)

	Census Year	Town	Census Page
Allegany County			
E. Hosmer	1840	Friendship	81
Sylvanus Hosmer	1830	Pike	150
Chautauqua County			
Charles Hosmer	1840	Clymer	66
Elisha Hosmer	1840	Harmony	18
Silas Hosmer	1840	Hanover	330
Thomas Hosmer	1840	Harmony	18
Cayuga County			
Elizabeth Hosmer	1830	Locke	251
Thomas Hosmer	1830	Ira	445
Columbia County			
Hezekiah L. Hosmer	1810	-	148
John Hosmer	1820	Hudson	18
John Hosmer	1830	Hudson	118
Prisper Hosmer	1820	Hudson	18
Prosper Hosmer	1800	-	248A
Prosper Hosmer	1810	-	146
Dutchess County			
Jacob Hosner	1830	Fishkill	486
Jacob Hosner	1840	Fishkill	119
Jacob Hosnet	1820	Fishkill	64
John Hosoner	1820	Fishkill	64
Martin Hosner	1830	Fishkill	486
Robert Hosmer	1830	Fishkill	486

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW YORK STATE

	Census Year	Town	Census Page
Dutchess County - (Cont.)			
William Hosmer	1820	Fishkill	64
William Hosmer	1840	Fishkill	117
William Hosner	1830	Fishkill	486
Erie County			
G. W. Hosmer	1840	Buffalo	750
John B. Hosmer	1840	Sardinia	94
Fulton County			
Daniel Hosmer	1840	Johnstown	305
Genesee County			
Ashbel A. Hosmer	1820	Riga	251
Elisha Hosmur	1820	Bergen	36
Hugh Hosmer	1820	Clarkson	80
Jacob Hosmur	1820	Clarkson	80
Jeremiah F. Hosmer	1820	Clarkson	80
Nicholas Hosmer Jr.	1820	Clarkson	80
Nichols Hosmur	1820	Clarkson	80
Polly Hosmer	1820	Riga	251
Samuel Hosmur	1820	Bergen	47
Samuel Hosmer	1830	Byron	372
Sedney A. Hosmer	1820	Le Roy	147
Sidney A. Hosmer	1830	Le Roy	412
Simeon Hosmer	1820	Elba	108
Simeon Hosmer	1830	Elba	387
Simeon Hosmer Jr.	1820	Elba	108
Simeon Hosmer Jr.	1830	Elba	388
Sylvester Hosmer	1820	Caledonia	101

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW YORK STATE

	Census Year	Town	Census Page
Herkimer County			
Charles Hosmer	1830	West	101
Conrad Hosmer	1800	-	494
Philip Hosmer	1800	-	494
Jefferson County			
Datus Hosmer	1840	Rutland	308
Harry Hosmor	1840	Alexandria	670
Henry Hosneor	1840	Alexandria	670
Henry Hosner	1830	Alexandria	233
John Hosmer	1820	Le Ray	440
John Hosmor	1840	Alexandria	670
John Hosner	1830	Alexandria	233
Nicholas Hosner	1830	Alexandria	233
Thomas Hosmer	1820	Rutland	468
Wilson Hosner	1840	Alexandria	670
Lewis County			
Ashbel M. Hosmer	1810	-	115
Livingston County			
Clardl__ Hosner	1840	Sparta	320
Daniel Hosmer	1830	Sparta	124
George Hosmer	1840	Leicester	173
James Hosmer	1830	Avon	25
James Hosmer	1840	Leicester	167
Timothy Hosmer	1830	Avon	21
W. H. C. Hosmer	1840	Leicester	163
William T. Hosmer	1830	Avon	24
Monroe County			

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW YORK STATE

	Census Year	Town	Census Page
Monroe County			
Christopher Hosmer	1830	Clarkson	275
Himon Hosmer	1830	Wheatland	322
Hugh Hosmer	1830	Clarkson	275
Jacob Hosmer	1830	Clarkson	274
Jacob Hosmer Jr.	1830	Clarkson	274
Jacob Hosmer III	1830	Clarkson	274
Jeremiah Hosmer	1830	Clarkson	274
Nicholas J. Hosmer	1830	Clarkson	274
Nicholas J. Hosmer	1830	Clarkson	274
Nicholas Hosmer Jr.	1830	Clarkson	274
Thomas Hosmer	1830	Clarkson	274
Montgomery County			
Daniel Hosmer	1800	-	72
Jonathan Hosmer	1830	Johnston	196
New York City			
C. E. Hosmer	1840	-	25
Erastus Hosmer	1820	7th Ward	309
Niagara County			
Albert Hosmer	1840	Hartland	161
Beldon Hosmer	1830	Lockport	397
John Hosmer	1820	Concord	143
Josiah Hosmer	1820	Porter	230
Prentice Hosmer	1830	Porter	321
Prentice Hosmer	1840	Porter	112
Printer Hosmor	1820	Porter	230
Sylvester Hosmer	1820	Hartland	100
Sylvester Hosmer	1830	Wilson	327

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW YORK STATE

	Census Year	Town	Census Page
Niagara County - (Cont.)			
Sylvester Hosmer	1840	Wilson	116
Thaddeus W. Hosmer	1830	Wilson	327
Thomas B. Hosmer	1840	Newfane	138
Timothy Hosmer	1840	Porter	112
Titus W. Hosmer	1840	Wilson	122
Oneida County			
Amos H. Hosmer	1840	Utica 2N	214
John Hosmer	1830	Vernon	95
W. Hosmer	1810	-	38
Onondaga County			
John B. Hosmer	1840	Onondago	118
Prentia Hosmer	1820	Lysander	102
Simeon Hosmer	1800	-	161
Simeon Hosmer	1810	-	55
Ontario County			
Albert Hosmer	1820	Avon	185
Edmond Hosmer	1820	Williams	135
George Hosmer	1820	Avon	185
George Hosmer	1830	Avon	22
Graves Hosmer	1800	-	378
Graves Hosmer	1820	Avon	185
Graves Hosnier	1810	-	112
James Hosmer	1820	Avon	185
John Hosmer	1820	Jerusalem	205
Lyman Hosmer	1840	S. Bristol	252
Timothy Hosmer	1800	-	378

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW YORK STATE

	Census Year	Town	Census Page
Ontario County - (Cont.)			
Timothy Hosmer Jr.	1810	-	112
Timothy Hosmer [Jr.]	1820	Avon	185
William T. Hosmer	1820	Avon	190
Orange County			
John Hosmer	1840	Newburg	82
Oswego County			
Martin Hosner	1840	Schroeppel	72
Shearman Hosmer	1820	Mexico	33
Sherman Hosmer	1830	Mexico	251
Otsego County			
J. Hosmer	1810	-	213
St. Lawrence County			
Abner Hosmore	1840	Messena	347
Caleb Hosmore	1840	Norfolk	332
Charles Hosmer	1840	Pitcairn	115
Eli Hosmore	1830	Hopkinton	19
Eunice Hosmer	1840	Oswegatchie	55
John Hosmer	1840	Potsdam	212
M. Hosmer	1840	Potsdam	204
Mead Hosmer	1830	Potsdam	141
Medad Hosmer	1820	Parishville	155
Medada Hosmer	1840	Potsdam	204
Moses G. Hosmore	1840	Louisville	354
Otis Hosmor	1820	Massena	143
Otis Hosmore	1830	Louisville	75

HOSMER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEW YORK STATE

	Census Year	Town	Census Page
St. Lawrence County - (Cont.)			
Reuben Hosmer	1840	Pierpont	247
Steuben County			
Arnold Hosmere	1830	Bath	266
Eleazer Hosmer	1820	Bath	221
Eleazer Hosmer	1830	Bath	267
John Hosmer	1820	Bath	221
William Hosmer	1840	Tyrone	148
Tompkins County			
Isaac Hosmer	1840	Enfield	309
Wayne County			
Aaron Hosmer	1840	Palmyra	223
Edmond Hosmore	1830	Marion	7
Eliza Hosmer	1840	Marion	184
Yates County			
Asa Hosmer	1840	Benton	262
Elizabeth Hosmer	1840	Milo	321

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Alabama

-- None --

Arkansas

-- None --

California

Name	County	Town	Census Page
H. B. Hosmer	Tuolumne	Jacksonville	105
William Hosmer	Tuolumne	Township 1	109

Connecticut

Amelia Hosmer	Hartford	Canton	293
Amy M. Hosmer	Hartford	South Windsor	128
Arthur Hosmer	Hartford	Hartford	324
Charles Hosmer	Hartford	Hartford	331
Collins Hosmer	Hartford	Hartland	173
Elijah Hosmer	Hartford	Manchester	423
Ephraim Hosmer	Windham	Thompson	146
Fanney Hosmer	Hartford	South Windsor	127
Francis Hosmer	Hartford	Manchester	445
Horace Hosmer	Hartford	South Windsor	139
Jane Hosmer	Hartford	Hartford	167
Joseph Hosmer	Hartford	South Windsor	127
Martha Hosmer	Middlesex	Middlesex	340
Martha M. Hosmer	Hartford	Hartford	329
Solomon J. Hosmer	Hartford	Hartland	177
Sophia Hosmer	Windham	Windham	471
Walter Hosmer	Hartford	Hartford	295

Name	County	Town	Census Page
William A. Hosmer	Windham	Windham	447

Delaware

-- None --

District of Columbia

-- None --

Florida

-- None --

Georgia

-- None --

Illinois

C. B. Hosmer	Cook	Chicago	157
Castatia Hosmer	Iroquois	21st District	176
Elizabeth Hosmer	Mc Henry	Marengo	332
Harriet Hosmer	Iroquois	21st District	176
Henry Hosmer	Cook	Bl. Com. Township	025
James W. Hosmer	Schuyler	Eainbridge	405
Lay Hosmer	Cook	Palatine	103
Ptolemy E. Hosmer	Washington	20th District	103

Indiana

Allen Hosmer	Miami	Union Township	156
Austin Hosmer	La Porte	New Durham	311
Belden Hosmer	Miami	Union Township	155
George Hosmer	Dearborn	York Township	385
Stiles Hosmer	Wabash	Noble Township	427

Iowa

-- None --

Kentucky

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Otis Hosmer	Campbell	District __	092

Louisiana

James T. Hosmer	St. Tammany	No. Twp. L.	277
William B. Hosmer	St. Tammany	No. Twp. L.	269

Maine

Anthony Hosmer	Lincoln	Rockland	084
Arthur E. Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	171
Asa Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	182
Augustus Hosmer	Lincoln	Rockland	084
Austin Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	204
Betsey Hosmer	Hancock	Castine	088
Betsey Hosmer	Lincoln	Rockland	096
Charles Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	171
Dimner Hosmer	York	Buxton	056
Ephraim Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	205
Fanny Hosmer	Lincoln	Lewiston	385
Franklin Hosmer	Oxford	Waterford	185
Franklin Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	172
Frederick A. Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	217
Ira Hosmer	Franklin	Weld	004
Jesse F. Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	221
John Hosmer	Waldo	Frankford	088
Joseph E. Hosmer	Penobscot	Corinth	163
Joseph E. Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	171
Josiah Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	171
Lot Hosmer	Franklin	Farmington	203
Nathaniel Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	171
Reuben T. Hosmer	Franklin	Farmington	203
Seward Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	173
William Hosmer	Waldo	Camden	210

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Amzi Hosmore	Kennebec	Hallowell	195
Daniel Hosmore	Lincoln	Lewiston	286

Maryland

Charles Hosmer	Baltimore	9th Ward	051
Margaret Hosmer	Baltimore	18th Ward	067

Massachusetts

Aaron Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	142
Abel Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	128
Amos Hosmer	Worcester	Rutland	403
Asa Hosmer	Worcester	Templeton	296
Augustus Hosmer	Suffolk	Boston 9	288
Eattelle Hosmer	Middlesex	Stoneham	311
Benjamin Hosmer	Middlesex	Bedford	497
Calvin Hosmer	Middlesex	Halden	386
Caroline Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	108
Castalic Hosmer	Middlesex	Bedford	497
Charles Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	121
Charles Hosmer	Middlesex	Framingham	476
Charles Hosmer	Essex	Georgetown	242
Charles E. Hosmer	Middlesex	Natick	356
Charles H. Hosmer	Bristol	New Bedford	292
Charles M. Hosmer	Worcester	Harvard	029
Charles S. Hosmer	Worcester	Hubbardston	368
Chester L. Hosmer	Hampshire	Southwick	137
Daniel Hosmer	Essex	Boxford	406
Danile Hosmer	Worcester	Sterling	193
David Hosmer	Hampshire	Holyoke	278
David N. Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	139
Dennis Hosmer	Norfolk	Medway	317
Ebenezer Hosmer	Middlesex	Lexington	205
Edmund Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	126
Edward Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	104
Edward Hosmer	Worcester	Templeton	295
Eli Hosmer	Worcester	Harvard	026
Elijah Hosmer	Franklin	Montague	295
Ephraim Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	102
Ephraim Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	139
Francis Hosmer	Worcester	Bolton	005
George Hosmer	Hampshire	Springfield	130
George Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	108
George Hosmer	Middlesex	Bedford	496
H. W. Hosmer	Suffolk	Boston 7	037

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Hammcut A. Hosmer	Middlesex	Lexington	194
Hannah Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	131
Harot G. Hosmer	Middlesex	Watertown	362
Henry Hosmer	Middlesex	Bedford	496
Henry J. Hosmer	Suffolk	Boston 7	005
Hiram Hosmer	Worcester	Sterling	188
Hiram Hosmer	Middlesex	Watertown	362
Isaac Hosmer	Middlesex	Lowell	418
Isaac Hosmer	Middlesex	Lowell	231
Isaac L. Hosmer	Middlesex	Littleton	160
James Hosmer	Norfolk	Medway	325
Jeremiah Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	131
Jerome Hosmer	Worcester	Lancaster	174
Jerusha Hosmer	Worcester	Templeton	296
Jesse Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	147
John Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	118
John Hosmer	Worcester	Templeton	295
John B. Hosmer	Berkshire	Stockbridge	090
John M. Hosmer	Hampshire	Belchertown	439
Jonathan Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	148
Joseph Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	118
Joseph Hosmer Jr.	Middlesex	Concord	118
Josephine Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	111
Joshua Hosmer	Worcester	Templeton	296
Josiah Hosmer	Worcester	Leominster	219
Julia Ann Hosmer	Essex	Boxford	406
Leander Hosmer	Middlesex	Bedford	489
Lucy Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	124
Luther Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	119
Luther Hosmer	Hampshire	Springfield	080
Lydia J. Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	118
M. D. Hosmer	Middlesex	South Reading	276
Mary C. Hosmer	Plymouth	Abington	177
Nabby Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	120
Nancy Hosmer	Middlesex	Woburn	233
Nathan Hosmer	Franklin	Montague	295
Nathan Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	107
Nathan Hosmer	Middlesex	Framingham	494
Nathan D. Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	142
Nathan Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	106
Nathaniel Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	121
Rebecca Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	135
Robert Hosmer	Hampshire	Westfield	206
Rufus Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	106
S. Hosmer	Middlesex	Lowell	212
Samuel Hosmer	Worcester	Harvard	029
Samuel Hosmer	Worcester	Worcester	123
Samuel Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	140
Sarah Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	140
Sarah Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	121
Sarah J. Hosmer	Middlesex	Lowell	500

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Silas Hosmer	Worcester	Fitchburg	177
Silas Hosmer	Middlesex	Corcord	108
Silas Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	140
Simon Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	140
Sophia Hosmer	Worcester	Clinton	093
Stephen Hosmer	Middlesex	Ashby	097
Susan Hosmer	Middlesex	Concord	112
Susan A. Hosmer	Suffolk	Boston 3	301
Thomas P. Hosmer	Middlesex	Bedford	497
William Hosmer	Middlesex	Acton	145
William Hosmer	Hampshire	Ludlow	320
William Hosmer	Hampshire	Southwick	138
William B. Hosmer	Worcester	Leominster	219
Zeltoes Hosmer	Middlesex	Cambridge	031
Simon Hosmore	Worcester	Sterling	198

Michigan

Ambrose Hosmer	Macomb	Washington	278
Asa Hosmer	Jackson	Jackson	706
Birdsly Hosmer	Oakland	Avon	131
Caleb Hosmer	Hillsdale	Fayette	105
Eliza Hosmer	Jackson	Jackson	707
George Hosmer	Branch	Union Township	737
Hannah Hosmer	Macomb	Bruce	237
Henry Hosmer	Washtenaw	Freedom	773
Jacob Hosmer	Oakland	White Lake	327
Jacob Hosmer	Oakland	West Bloomfield	103
John Hosmer	Wayne	Detroit	084
Julia Hosmer	Oakland	West Bloomfield	103
M. W. Hosmer	Oakland	West Bloomfield	108
Margaret Hosmer	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	101
Nicholas Hosmer	Genesee	Davidson	626
Nicholas Hosmer	Oakland	Oakland	292
S. W. Hosmer	Calhoun	Marshall	284
William Hosmer	Macomb	Washington	278
William S. Hosmer	Hillsdale	Fayette	103
Charles Hosmir	Genesee	Richfield	636
Martin Hosmore	St. Clair	Port Huron	399

Mississippi

Samuel Hosmer	Lowndes	Columbus	121

Missouri

-- None --

New Hampshire

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Abial Hosmer	Hillsborough	Nashua	256
Amos Hosmer	Hillsborough	Mason	294
Benjamin Hosmer	Hillsborough	Peterborough	346
Benjamin Hosmer	Hillsborough	Nashville	199
Harriett Hosmer	Grafton	Lebanon	008
Jacob Hosmer	Merrimack	Concord	084
Jacob Hosmer	Merrimack	Boscawen	273
Jonathan Hosmer	Hillsborough	Nashua	252
Lydia Hosmer	Hillsborough	New Ipswich	277
Lydia Hosmer	Hillsborough	New Ipswich	277
Nathan Hosmer	Hillsborough	New Ipswich	277
Oliver Hosmer	Hillsborough	Mason	294
Otis Hosmer	Hillsborough	Manchester	007
Reuben S. Hosmer	Grafton	Hill	130
Sarah Hosmer	Hillsborough	Manchester	059
William Hosmer	Grafton	Lebanon	008
William H. Hosmer	Merrimack	Concord	084
William J. Hosmer	Grafton	Enfield	206

New Jersey

-- None --

New Mexico Territory

-- None --

New York

Aaron Hosmer	Jefferson	Watertown	295
Adolp Hosmer	Orange	Cornwall	164
Albert Hosmer	Niagara	Hartland	318
Arka Hosmer	Erie	Lancaster	172
Arnold Hosmer	Allegany	Alfred	046
C. Mark Hosmer	Onondaga	Lysander	475
Clarisis Hosmer	Chautauqua	Harmony	250

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Clark Hosmer	Livingston	Mount Morris	084
Dincy Hosmer	Wayne	Palmyra	035
Elias G. Hosmer	Erie	Buffalo	132
Eunice Hosmer	St. Lawrence	Oswegatchie	097
Fanny Hosmer	Genesee	Stafford	093
George Hosmer	Livingston	Avon	319
George Hosmer	Tompkins	Groton	141
George Hosmer Jr.	Livingston	Avon	320
Hanson Hosmer	Fulton	Johnstown	073
Hugh Hosmer	St. Lawrence	Massena	368
James Hosmer	Niagara	Wilson	499
James Hosmer	Livingston	Avon	324
Jane Hosmer	Niagara	Porter	449
Jane Hosmer	Niagara	Porter	449
Jane E. Hosmer	Niagara	Porter	447
John Hosmer	Cortland	Cortland	331
John Hosmer	Cortland	Virgil	394
John Hosmer	Jefferson	Watertown	318
John Hosmer	Niagara	Lockport	003
John Hosmer	St. Lawrence	Potsdam	008
Julia Hosmer	Kings	Brooklyn	278
Marian Hosmer	Fulton	Johnstown	073
Martin J. Hosmer	Wayne	Marion	235
Mary Ann Hosmer	Niagara	Lockport	088
Melisse Hosmer	Cayuga	Locke	100
Merrill E. Hosmer	St. Lawrence	Potsdam	025
Nancy Hosmer	Monroe	Riga	219
Nathan Hosmer	Chautauqua	Harmony	240
Parker S. Hosmer	Genesee	Alexander	155
Prosper Hosmer	Green	Athens	111
Richard Hosmer	Steuben	Bath	205
Rosina Hosmer	Genesee	Elba	342
Ruben Hosmer	St. Lawrence	Pierpont	392
Rufus Hosmer	Fulton	Johnstown	068
Ruth Hosmer	St. Lawrence	Gouverneur	203
Samantha Hosmer	Jefferson	Pamelia	251
Silas Hosmer	Genesee	Alexander	155
Sophia Hosmer	Livingston	Avon	320
Sylvester Hosmer	Niagara	Wilson	496
Syvester Hosmer	Livingston	Caledonia	339
Thomas Hosmer	Oswego	Mexico	088
Thomas B. Hosmer	Monroe	Rochester	116
Timothy Hosmer	Erie	Black Rock	195
Timothy Hosmer	Niagara	Porter	448
Titus W. Hosmer	Niagara	Wilson	508
Titus W. Hosmer	Niagara	Wilson	498
Walter Hosmer	Oswego	Schroeppel	261
William Hosmer	Cayuga	Auburn 3	278
William Hosmer	Monroe	Greece	149
William H. C. Hosmer	Livingston	Avon	320
William P. Hosmer	St. Lawrence	Pierpont	392

North Carolina

-- None --

Ohio

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Adaline C. Hosmer	Muskingum	Zanesville	190
Alfred Hosmer	Cuyahoga	Euclid	405
Alladale Hosmer	Seneca	Republic	025
Andrew Hosmer	Geauga	Parkman	155
Arthur Hosmer	Muskingum	Zanesville	189
Caroline Hosmer	Medina	Guilford	298
Chester Hosmer	Medina	Guilford	294
Eleazer Hosmer	Cuyahoga	Euclid	405
Giles Hosmer	Cuyahoga	Euclid	406
Harriet Hosmer	Cuyahoga	Euclid	405
Henry Hosmer	Medina	Guilford	298
Henry H. Hosmer	Medina	Guilford	298
John Hosmer	Huron	New London	348
John Hosmer	Seneca	Republic	025
John T. Hosmer	Huron	Clarksfield	364
Mary A. Hosmer	Cuyahoga	Cleveland	177
Rachael Hosmer	Shelby	Port Jefferson	301
S. R. Hosmer	Muskingum	Zanesville	241
Sidney S. Hosmer	Erie	Portland	039
Stiles Hosmer	Medina	Guilford	294
Sylvester Hosmer	Geauga	Parkman	149
Theodore Hosmer	Erie	Portland	036
Tryhena Hosmer	Geauga	Parkman	149
William Hosmer	Medina	Guilford	293
William Hosmer	Medina	Guilford	294

Oregon Territory

-- None --

Pennsylvania

Alden R. Hosmer	Warren	Elk Township	373
William S. Hosmer	Craford	Vernon Township	173
William T. Hosmer	Craford	Vernon Township	173
A. J. Hosmur	Craford	Conneautville	087

Rhode Island

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Elizabeth Hosmer	Providence	Ward 3	147

South Carolina

-- None --

Tennessee

-- None --

Texas

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Rufus K. Hosmer	Lavaca	No. Twp. L.	326

Utah Territory

-- None --

Vermont

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Abby Hosmer	Orange	Randolph	220
Albert Hosmer	Caledonia	Wheelock	280
Alvan S. Hosmer	Caledonia	Burke	271
Elizabeth C. Hosmer	Windsor	Chester	332
Fanny Hosmer	Windsor	Bethel	194
Hannah Hosmer	Windsor	Chester	323
Ira B. Hosmer	Windsor	Chester	349
Jefferson Hosmer	Caledonia	Waterford	109
Joanna Hosmer	Windsor	Chester	326
Joel Hosmer	Bennington	Woodford	232
John Hosmer	Caledonia	St. Johnsburg	053
John Hosmer	Caledonia	St. Johnsburg	053
Josiah Hosmer	Lamoille	Johnson	054
Loanda Hosmer	Caledonia	Lyndon	169
Marshall Hosmer	Lamoille	Johnson	055
Nathaniel Hosmer	Caledonia	Sutton	189

Name	County	Town	Census Page
Stephen Hosmer	Caledonia	Wheelock	279

Virginia

-- None --

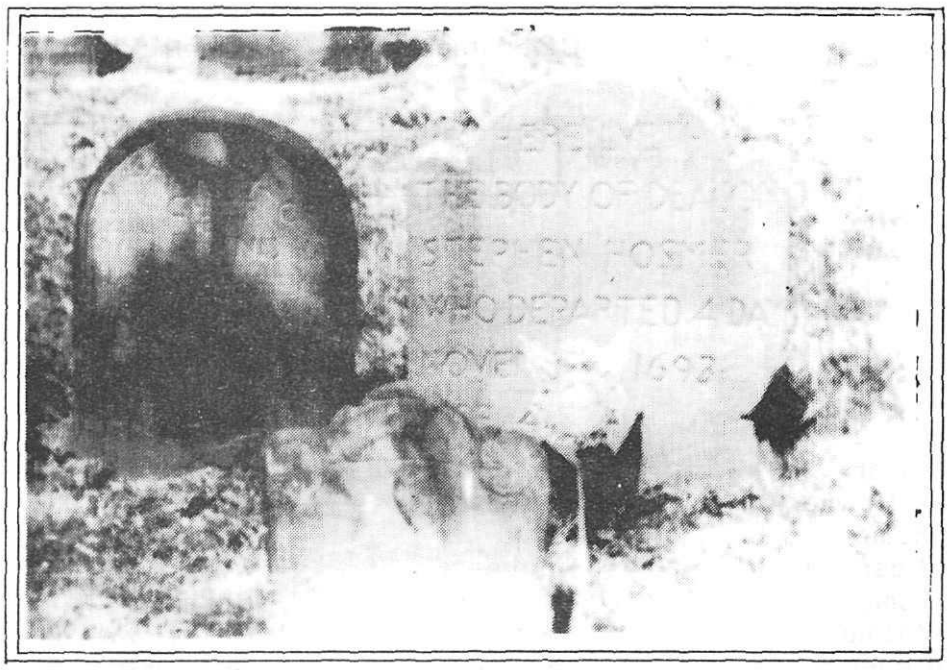
Wisconsin

Elisha Hosmer	Rock	Centre	275
George S. Hosmer	Waukesha	Summit	355
Joseph Hosmer	Rock	Porter	296
Nicholas Hosmer	Waukesha	Ottawa	245
Purley Hosmer	Marquette	Berlin	122
Rachael Hosmer	Racine	Racine C.	020
Susan Hosmer	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	212
Sylvester Hosmer	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	360
Valentine Hosmer	Waukesha	Ottawa	244

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GRAVES ** HARTFORD



SARAH e
DAVGHTER OF
STEPHEN AND HA
NAH HOSMER
WHO DYED []
AGE 4 YERS

HERE LYETH
THE BODY OF DEACON
STEPHEN HOSMER
WHO DEPARTED 4 DAY
NOVEMBER 1693
AGE 4[9]



Headstone of
Deacon
Stephen Hosmer

HERE LYETH THE
BODY OF CAPT
THOMAS HOSMER
WHO DIED MARCH
[] 9 1732 IN [] []
YEAR OF [] AGE

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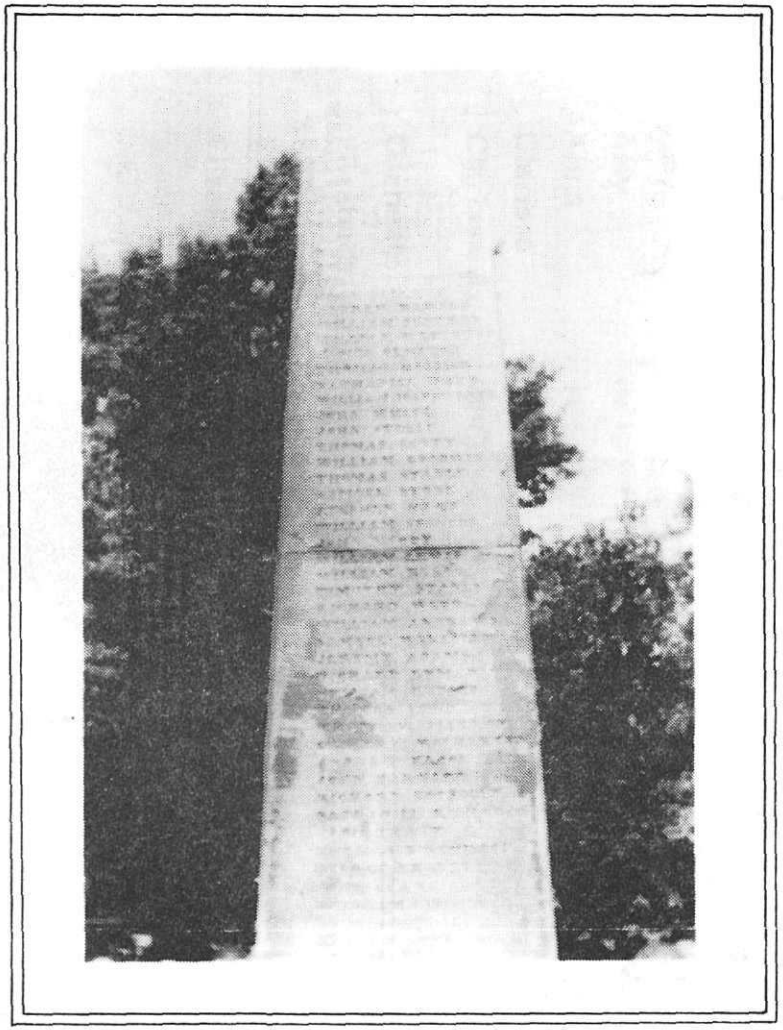
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IN MEMORY
OF THE
FIRST SETTLERS OF
HARTFORD

JOHN HAYNES
THOMAS HOOKER
GEORGE WYLLYS
EDWARD HOPKINS
MATTHEW ALLYN
THOMAS WELLS
JOHN WEBSTER
WILLIAM WHITING
JOHN TALCOTT
ANDREW WARNER
WILLIAM PENTREY
WILLIAM WESTWOOD
JAMES OLMSTED
THOMAS HOSMER
NATHANIEL WARD
WILLIAM WADSWORTH
JOHN WHITE
JOHN STEELE
THOMAS SCOTT
WILLIAM GOODWIN
THOMAS STANLY
SAMUEL STONE
STEPHEN HART
WILLIAM SPENCER
JOHN MOODY
WILLIAM LEWIS
WILLIAM RUSCO
TIMOTHY STANLEY
RICHARD WEBB
WILLIAM ANDREWS
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RICHARD LYMAN
WILLIAM BUTLER

FOUNDERS' MONUMENT



HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

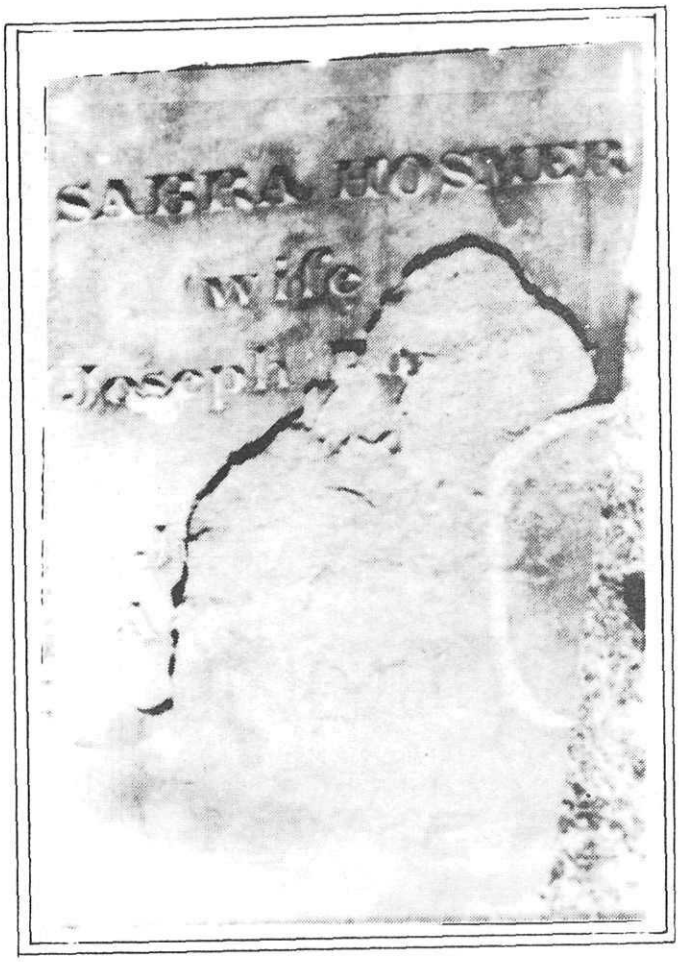
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THOMAS LORD
MATTHEW MARVEN
GREGORY WOLTERTON
ANDREW BACON
JOHN BARNARD
RICHARD GOODMAN
NATHANIEL RICHARDS
JOHN PRATT
THOMAS BIRCHWOOD
GEORGE GRAVES
JOHN CLARK
WILLIAM GIBBONS
JOHN CROW
EDWARD STEBBING
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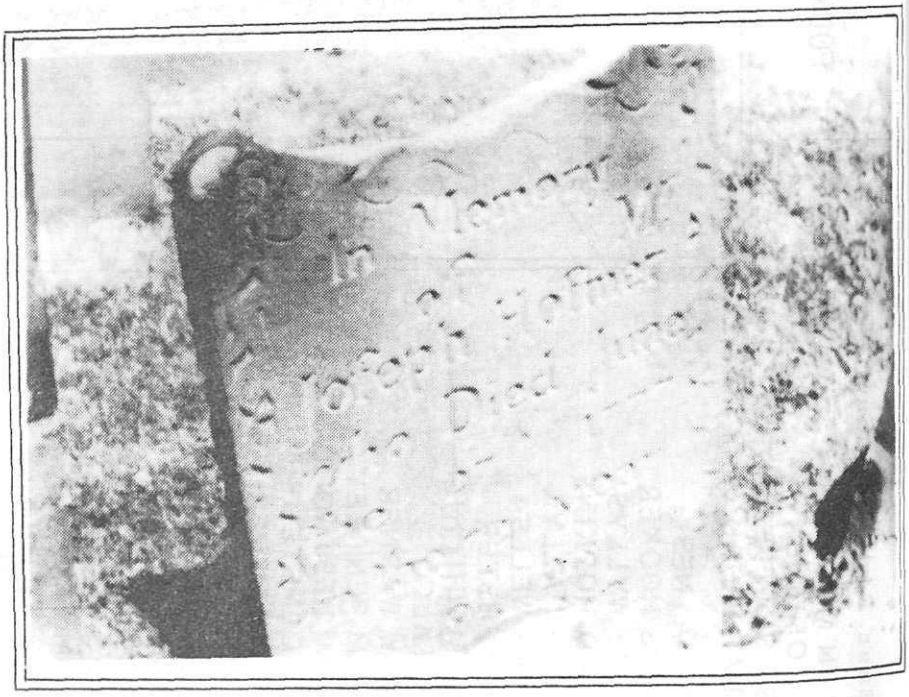
* Note: The North Side of this monument [not shown] contains 46 additional names. Among those listed are:

THOMAS SPENCER
WILLIAM PRATT
RICHARD CHURCH
JOHN SKINNER
RICHARD OLMSTED
THOMAS SELDEN
BENJAMIN BURR
OZIAS GOODWIN
THOMAS BUNCE
CLEMENT CHAPLIN
THOMAS BLISS



SABRA HOSMER
wife
Joseph
J
A

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In Memory
of Mr
Joſeph Hoſmer
who Died June
the 27th 1777
in the 72nd year
of his
[]

CEMETERY RECORDS

Avon, Livingston County, N. Y.

Name of Deceased	Relationship	Date of Death	Age at Death
CONGDON, James	husband of Rachel	10 Sept. 1849	79 years
, Rachel	wife of James	24 Aug. 1848	82 years
HOSMER, Amy	wife of Graves	12 Feb. 1830	62 years
, Amy	daughter of James	15 May 1890	65 yrs. 11 mos.
, Anna	wife of Frederick	28 Feb. 1796	27 years
, Clarissa	daughter of Graves	5 Apr. 1837	39 years
, Clarissa A.	daughter of James	18 Oct. 1892	56 yrs. 8 mos. 16 days
, Cornelia	-	1895	-
, Elizabeth	wife of Dr. Timothy	15 Feb. 1827 [6 Jan. 1825]	77 years
, Elizabeth	wife of George	9 Jan. 1854	67 years
, Elizabeth	-	1846	-
, Emma F.	wife of Stephen	1845	55 years
, George [Hon.]	husband of Elizabeth	20 Mar. 1861	79 years
, Grace	daughter of Stephen	1958	91 years
, Graves	husband of Amy	17 Jan. 1838	82 years
, Hillon [Hillan ?]	-	1830	-
, Henry	-	1841	-
, James	son of Graves	11 May 1880	80 yrs. 8 mos.
, James	son of James	17 July 1854	18 yrs. 8 mos. 17 days
, Laura	wife of Sylvester	28 Feb. 1883	90 years
, Lewis	son of James	29 July 1855	21 yrs. 11 mos. 28 days
, Lucy	daughter of James	28 Aug. 1855	28 yrs. 2 mos.
, Mary Bowen	wife of James	2 Dec. 1879	77 years
, Sarah	-	22 May 1889	74 years

CEMETERY RECORDS

Avon, Livingston County, N. Y.

(Cont.)

Name of Deceased	Relationship	Date of Death	Age at Death
HOSMER, Stephen	son of James	1908	75 years
, Stephen M.	-	1937	46 years
, Sylvester	husband of Laura	4 Mar. 1854 [1864]	68 years
, Timothy [Dr.]	son of [Capt.] Stephen	29 Nov. 1815	70 years
, Truman	son of James	31 Jan. 1844	-

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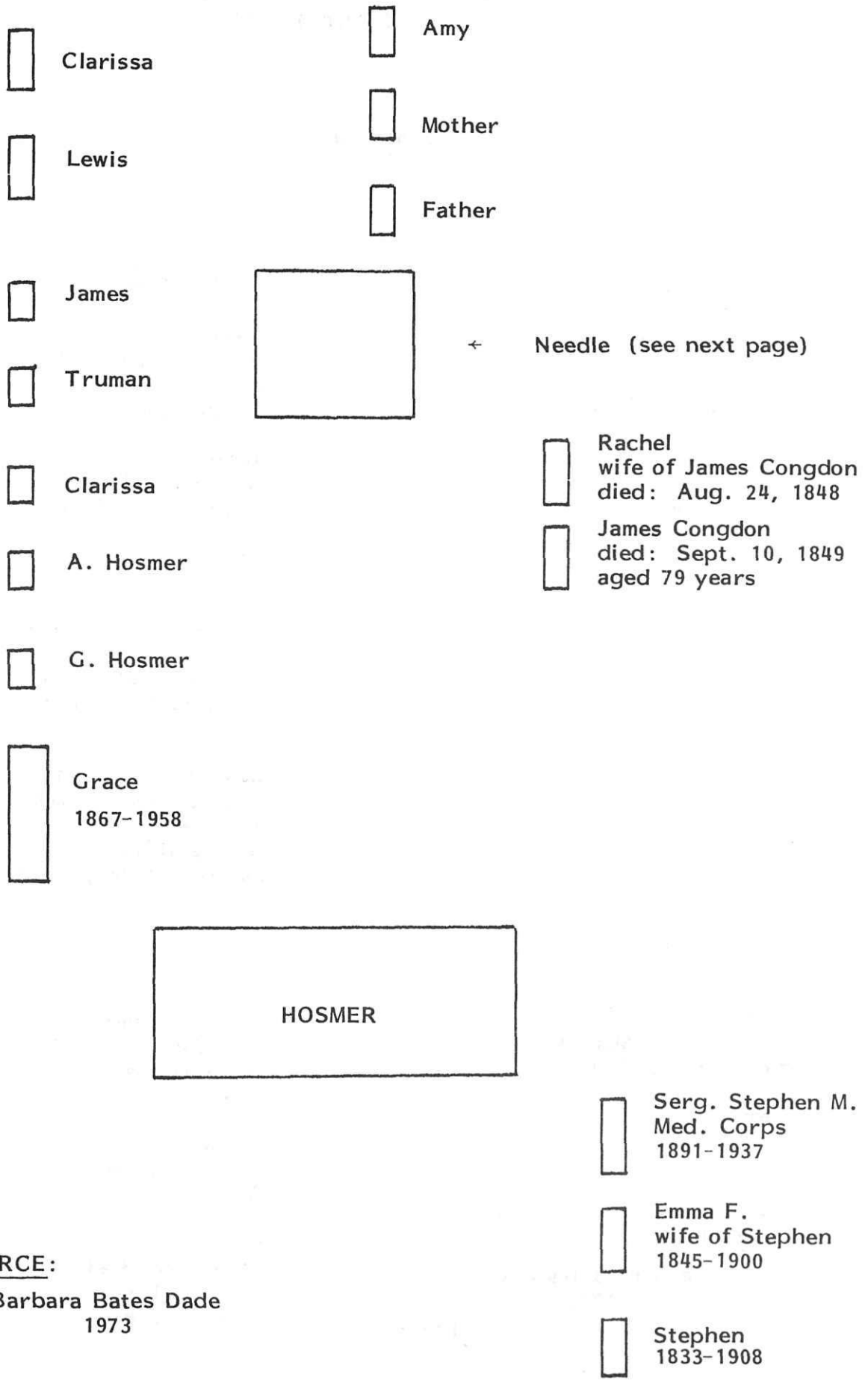
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3. Author's Files.

Note: Mrs. Barbara (Bates) Dade wrote the following in June 1973:

> The Hosmer Family donated the land, 10 acres, for the Avon Cemetery. The family home was on the northwest corner of Clinton and Temple Streets, in Avon; we saw the house, beautiful and in good repair.
>
> The caretaker of the cemetery, Mr. Cushing, said there is another older, group of Hosmer graves, but he couldn't recall where and we didn't find them.

HOSMER PLOT -- AVON CEMETERY



SOURCE:

Barbara Bates Dade
1973

HOSMER PLOT -- AVON CEMETERY
(Cont.)

NEEDLE

1. West

James Hosmer
died
May 11, 1880
aged 80 yrs. 8 mo.

Mary Bowen
His wife died
Dec. 2, 1879
Aged 77 yrs.

2. North

Lewis
died July 29, 1855
aged 21 yrs.
11 mos. 28 days

James
died July 17, 1854
aged 18 yrs. 8 mos.
17 days

Truman
died Jan 31, 1844

Lucy
died Aug. 28, 1855
Aged 28 yrs. 2 mos.

Amy
died May 15, 1890
aged 65 yrs. 11 mos.

Sons and daughters of
James and Mary Hosmer

3. East

Clarissa A.
dau. James & Mary Hosmer
died Oct. 18, 1892
aged 56 yrs.
8 mos. 16 days

4. South

Graves Hosmer
died Jan. 17, 1838
Aged 82 yrs.

Amy
His wife died
Feb. 12, 1830
Aged 62 yrs.

Clarissa
their dau. died
Apr. 5, 1837
Aged 39 years

SOURCE:
Barbara Bates Dade
1973

HOSMER GRAVESTONES -- PORTER, N. Y.

NEEDLE

1.

Timothy Hosmer
born in
Farmington, Conn.
Nov. 29, 1783
died in Porter, N. Y. 1864

Isabel
wife of Timothy Hosmer
born in Troy, N. Y.
Oct. 27, 1787
died in Porter, N. Y.
June 14, 1854

2.

Jane B. Hosmer
died at
Lockport, N. Y.
April 22, 1881
aged 59 years

Laura I. Hosmer

died

3.

Timothy, Jr.
buried in
Florence, Alabama
Isaiah 28:1

Edwin

Edward

Charlotte Maria

Children of
Timothy and Isabel Hosmer

"Suffer the little children
to come unto me."

4.

Albert Hosmer
died at
Buffalo, New York
July 28, 1873
aged 61 years

Robert K. Hosmer
Died at Oak Harbor, Ohio
Oct. 18, 1878
Aged 60 years

(Cont.)

HOSMER GRAVESTONES -- PORTER, N. Y.
(Cont.)

Albert Hosmer
died
July 28, 1873
aged
61 years

Sarah M. Palmer
wife of
Albert Hosmer
Born
April 11, 1817
died
August 12, 1904

John Mc Collum
died
March 6, 1867
aged
36 years

Of these gravestones, Barbara Bates Dade wrote the following:

These three smaller stones were in a row beside the needle.

Esther [Casselman] says John Mc Collum was the hired man. Noting dates, she decided this was the father of Grandpa Balcom's hired man, same name.

SOURCE:
Barbara Bates Dade
June 1973

COINS AND CURRENCY IN NEW ENGLAND

Almost from the very beginning, the New England colonies suffered from a balance of trade deficit with the mother country. England's restrictive colonial policy was primarily responsible for this condition, but the region's growing appetite for manufactured goods, certainly, exacerbated the problem. The area's raw materials generated insufficient coin revenue. As a result, the flow of specie was from the colonies and to England. With little hard money in America, day-to-day commerce was difficult. To fill the monetary vacuum, the colonies issued paper money. Transactions within New England, therefore, rested on a combination of monetary instruments -- coin, colonial paper money, commodity money*, and barter.

Note: In 1642, the General Court of Connecticut, meeting in Hartford, decreed:

> that no man within these liberties shall refuse merchantable Indian corne at the rate of 2s. per the bushl. for any contracte made for the labor of men or cattell or commodityes sold after the publishing the order.

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COLONIAL PAPER MONEY

Year	Number of Mass. £ (Old Tenor) Equal to £ 100 Sterling
1702	133
1705	135
1713	150
1717	225
1722	270

SILVER

Year	Price of an Ounce of Silver - Boston [in Paper Shillings] Base Year: 1700
1702	7.00 Paper Shillings
1705	8.00 " "
1713	8.50 " "
1717	10.00 " "
1722	14.25 " "

COINS AND CURRENCY IN NEW ENGLAND
(Cont.)

COLONIAL PAPER MONEY

Year	Number of Mass. £ (Old Tenor) Equal to £ 100 Sterling
1728	340
1730	380
1737	500
1741	550
1749	1100

SILVER

Year	Price of an Ounce of Silver - Boston [in Paper Shillings] Base Year: 1700
1728	17.25 Paper Shillings
1730	20.00 " "
1730	26.75 " "
1741	28.00 " "
1749	60.00 " "

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EXCHANGE VALUE OF 1 SPANISH DOLLAR (8 REALES) IN COLONIAL AND STATE SHILLINGS & PENCE

Year	Mass.	Conn.	N. H.	Vt.	R. I.	N. Y.	Penn.
1740	23s. 1d.	23s. 1d.	23s. 1d.	-	23s. 1d.	7s. 3d.	7s. 10d.
1748	49s. 6d.	49s. 6d.	49s. 6d.	-	49s. 6d.	8s. 6d.	8s. 1d.
1761	6s. (New)	6s. (New)	6s. (New)	-	6s. (New)	8s.	7s. 6d.
1774	6s.	6s.	6s.	-	6s.	8s.	7s. 6d.
1783	6s.	6s.	6s.	6s.	6s.	8s.	7s. 6d.

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COINS AND CURRENCY IN NEW ENGLAND
(Cont.)

PRINCIPAL SILVER COINS IN NEW ENGLAND

Country of Issue	Period of Issue	Denomination	Total Weight (in grams)	Fineness	Actual Silver Weight (in ounces)
Mexico	1760-1771	8 Reales	27.0700 g.	.917	.7973 oz.
Mexico	1772-1821	8 Reales	27.0700 g.	.903	.7859 oz.
Mexico	1760-1771	4 Reales	13.5400 g.	.917	.3992 oz.
Mexico	1772-1821	4 Reales	13.5400 g.	.903	.3931 oz.
Mexico	1760-1771	2 Reales	6.7700 g.	.917	
Mexico	1772-1821	2 Reales	6.7700 g.	.903	.1965 oz.
Mexico	1760-1771	1 Real	3.3800 g.	.917	.0996 oz.
Mexico	1772-1821	1 Real	3.3800 g.	.903	.0981 oz.
England	1763-1816	1 Shilling	5.6552 g.	.925	.1682 oz.
Massachusetts	1652-1682	1 Shilling	[= 72 grains]		
		6 Pence			
		3 Pence			

Note: Diameter - 8 Reales = 39 mm.

Note: The silver content of the Massachusetts shilling was 22½% below that of its English counterpart. The reason for this reduced weight was to prevent its exportation from America.

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COINS AND CURRENCY IN NEW ENGLAND
(Cont.)

PRINCIPAL GOLD COINS IN NEW ENGLAND

Country of Issue	Period of Issue	Denomination	Total Weight (in grams)	Fineness	Actual Gold Weight (in ounces)
Mexico	1760-1785	8 Escudos	27.0700 g.	.917	.7981 oz.
Mexico	1786-1821	8 Escudos	27.0700 g.	.875	.7616 oz.
Mexico	1760-1785	4 Escudos	13.5400 g.	.917	.3992 oz.
Mexico	1786-1820	4 Escudos	13.5400 g.	.875	.3809 oz.
Mexico	1760-1785	2 Escudos	6.7700 g.	.917	.1996 oz.
Mexico	1786-1820	2 Escudos	6.7700 g.	.875	.1904 oz.
Mexico	1760-1785	1 Escudo	3.3800 g.	.917	.0996 oz.
Mexico	1786-1820	1 Escudo	3.3800 g.	.875	.0950 oz.
England	1603-1663	20 Shillings	9.0000 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	
England	1603-1663	2 Crowns [=10 Shillings]	4.5000 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	
England	1509-1663	1 Crown [= 5 Shillings]	2.2500 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	
England	1668-1777	5 Guineas	41.7500 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	1.2305 oz.
England	1664-1777	2 Guineas	16.7000 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	.4922 oz.
England	1663-1813	1 Guinea	8.3500 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	.2461 oz.
England	1728-1813	½ Guinea	4.1750 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	.1230 oz.
France	1640-	1 Louis d'or	6.7000 g.	.916 $^{2}/_{3}$	
Netherlands		1 Ducat	3.4340 g.	.983	

Note: 16 Reales (Silver) = 1 Escudo (Gold)

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Note: Diameter - 8 Escudos = 34 mm.

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Various Indexes

Year	1913 = 100					
	Federal Reserve Bank of New York †	Burgess †	Douglas 1890-99 = 100 †	Rees 1914 = 100 †	C.P.I. All Items 1947-49 = 100 ‡	C.P.I. All Items 1967 = 100 ★
1820	65					[19.38]
1825	58					[17.29]
1830	54					[16.10]
1835	60					[17.89]
1840	60					[17.89]
1845	54	56.3				[16.10]
1850	54	58.4				[16.10]
1855	67	64.1				[19.97]
1860	61	63.0				[18.19]
1865	102	108.1				[30.41]
1870	91	92.5				[27.13]
1875	86	81.2				[25.64]
1880	80	71.3				[23.85]
1885	75	64.6				[22.36]
1890	78	67.8		91		[23.25]
1900	80	67.7	106	84		[23.85]
1910	96	93.1	128	95		[28.62]
1913	100	100.0	137	99		[29.81]
1915	[Est. ≅ 101]	101.1	136		43	[30.11]
1920		203.7	286		85.7	60.0
1925			241 (1926)		75.0	52.5
1930					71.4	50.0
1935					58.7	41.1
1940					59.9	42.0
1945					76.9	53.9

DOLLAR CONVERSION CHART: 1820 - 1982
(Cont.)

Various Indexes

Year	1913 = 100					
	Federal Reserve Bank of New York †	Burgess †	Douglas 1890-99 = 100 †	Rees 1914 = 100 †	C.P.I. All Items 1947-49 = 100 ‡	C.P.I. All Items 1967 = 100 ★
1950					102.8	72.1
1955					114.5	80.2
1960						88.7
1965						94.5
						1967 = 100 ¶
1970						125.3
1975						161.2
						1967 = 100 §
June 1980						248.0
June 1981						271.3
June 1982						290.6
Oct. 1982						294.1
Nov. 1982						293.6

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July 23, 1982 (for June 1982)
Nov. 23, 1982 (for Oct. 1982)
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In determining conversion values, use ONLY the Seventh Column (C.P.I., 1967 = 100).

HOW TO USE

$5,000. in 1850 is equivalent to how many dollars in June 1982?

Solution: $$\frac{(1850)}{(\text{June } 1982)} \quad \frac{16.10}{290.60} = \frac{\$5000}{x}$$

$$x = \$90,248.45$$

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The figures in the above chart are as they appeared in the various tables. The figures in brackets are estimates -- "extensions" of the 1967 base (1967 = 100). The 1915 figure (C.P.I. - 1967) was determined by proportions - using the C.P.I. - 1947-1949 and C.P.I. - 1967. i.e.:

$$\frac{43}{85.7} = \frac{y}{60}$$

$$y = 30.11$$

The remaining figures in brackets (for years: 1820 - 1913) were determined in a similar fashion -- using the Federal

Reserve Bank of N. Y. (1913 = 100) [Est. 1915 = 101]
and the 1915 "extension" figure (C.P.I. - 1967) of 30.11:

-- For 1850 --

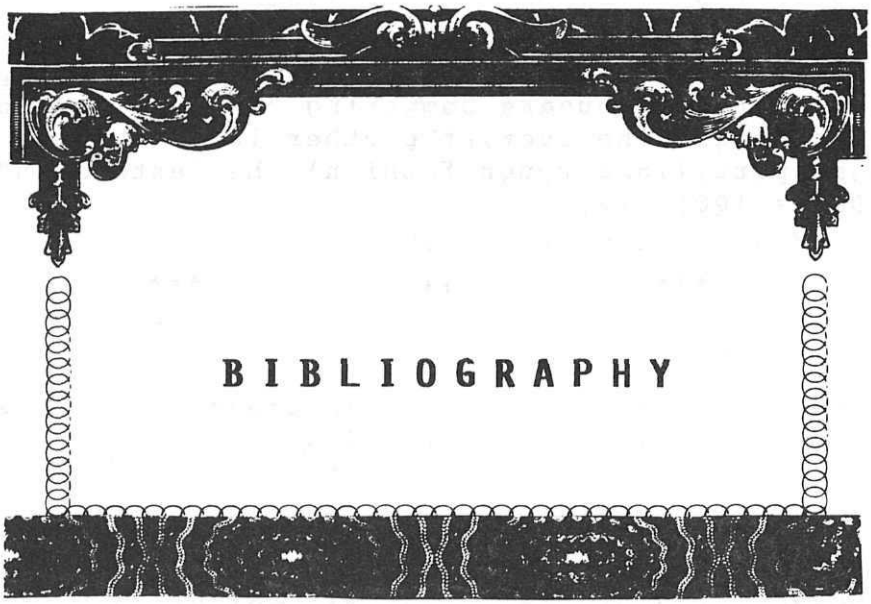
$$\begin{matrix}(1850)\\(1915)\end{matrix}\ \frac{54}{101} = \frac{z}{30.11}$$

$$z = 16.10$$

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Note: When comparing one index to another (using different standards of measurement) there is always the possibility that you are comparing "apples" and "oranges". In this case, however, the other indexes would seem to support (in a rough fashion) the "extension" figures (1967 = 100).

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Reading furnishes the mind only
with materials of knowledge;
it is thinking makes what
we read ours.

-- JOHN LOCKE

(*Of the Conduct of the Understanding*, 1706)

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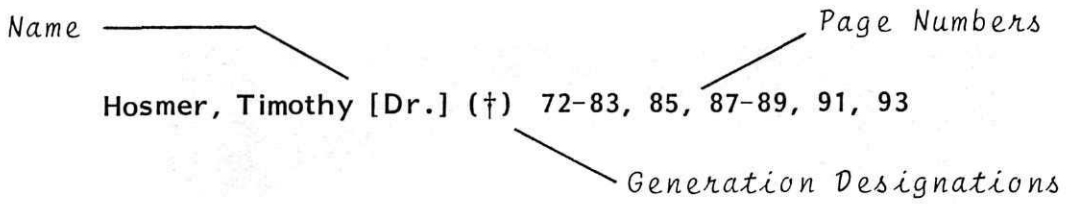
Good name in man and woman, dear my lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their souls:
Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis
something, nothing;]
'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave
to thousands;]
But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed.

-- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

(*Othello*, III. iii)

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COMMENTS:

1. All blood descendants of James Hosmer [# 1, generation "B"] are distinguished by the symbol "†", followed by their appropriate generation designation.

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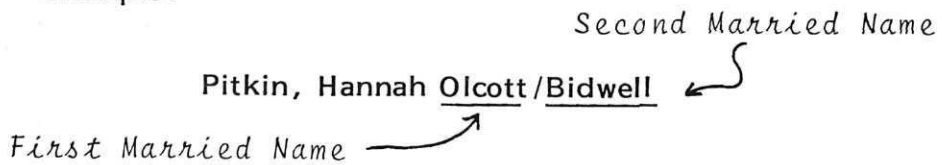
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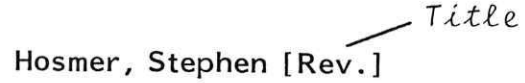
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